

program, Senator Schmit? Last year, \$700,000 wasn't spent that we appropriated. This year it is projected to be about a half a million, a little under a half a million. Well, I don't know if that is money in "lotties" in Bruno, that is money where I come from, and I think they are not just spending the money. Now, Senator Schmit, you try and coerce the body to believe that this is one of those issues that if you don't vote with you, you eventually are leading to a \$6 billion budget. Well, Senator Schmit, I can cite you many examples of A bills, things in our budget, things in the trailer bill that that could be true about, but this isn't one of them. This is an issue about whether or not you want to appropriate the money to fight that battle. And the thing about it is you have to understand this is not entirely for attorney fees. There are other things going on to develop the case. Senator Hall, you should recognize that it is not just the attorneys you are paying for in this. Now if you don't want to pursue the lawsuit, if you just want to say, we give up, then adopt Senator Schmit's amendment. I don't know, maybe with a million dollars, you may be able to forge ahead. I don't know. Will it be forcing the issue? It may be forcing the issue, may be forcing Nebraska to roll over and give Wyoming more and give up, you know, Deer Creek and the inland lakes, and they will both be...everything, they will get everything they want. If that is what you want to do, then do it. Just strike all the money out of there. Now does it take one million, two million? I don't know. The track record in this particular situation is if they don't use all the money, they reappropriate it. That has occurred, Senator Schmit. That does occur in this program. And if you have a battle plan of attack to get the same result, then why don't you come up with it and do it? But just to say, strike the money out, strike out the million dollars and see if we can force the issue, I don't think that accomplishes anything. We have tendered Wyoming offers. They have been rejected. If your purpose is just to forget about it, then forget about it, but don't piecemeal like this, Senator Schmit. And, yes, Senator Schmit, at this level, I still think you jeopardize the whole process. You may, indeed, lose the whole lawsuit. If that is what you want to do, you'd probably be better off just striking the whole money and saying we give up. And if that...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...river water is not more important, is of no more importance than that, then do it I think we are all