

frustrated, we don't want to spend the money, said that a number of times, but until you develop a way to bring Wyoming to the table fairly without just us laying all our cards on the table, and they have five and can still draw some more, that is not the right way to play poker, that is not the right way to protect the water in the State of Nebraska. Senator Schmit, you stated that another one of the things that, in your crafty old way of doing things, you kind of made it sound that by voting for this you are really (inaudible) the people that don't want to build dams. Well, you know, that couldn't be further from the truth, at least in my case. Landmark Project, Prairie Bend Project, and things like that, you know, if you want to build those, you have probably got to fight this battle first, possibly, or there may not be the water there to do it, to protect that water so we can build dams. And I agree with you, Senator Schmit, we need to build more dams for the future in the Nebraska agriculture, and you and I will agree on that, but I think we ought to agree that we need to at least continue to have the water flowing down the river. If we don't fight this battle, it may not be there.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR MOORE: Mark me down for leaning against.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Senator Schmit, the first time you brought up this amendment, I supported you and I want to thank you for bringing the issue to the Legislature, as a whole, because I think it is something that needs to be debated and needs to be talked about by the entire Legislature. I will oppose the amendment this time, and one of the reasons probably being is that when I supported it the first time, I wanted people to hear and to understand that in western Nebraska we really want to see negotiation versus litigation, that we are not standing out there on the Wyoming-Nebraska line and daring anybody to cross it or to build a bridge or anything else because they are our friends, they are our neighbors. We farm with them. We marry their children. We play basketball and all of this kind of things, so to us, it is a very near and dear subject. But you will also find probably about as mixed opinions in western Nebraska as far as keeping that money in place as not. And if you would like to read my mail since I voted against it, the pros and cons, you can do that, too, because I got both. The other thing, we probably have met with Michael Jess on a one to