

backs and out of pick. When I criticize what the committee has done, and the manner in which the committee operates, and the manner in which the committee rallies around the flag and intimidates the other members, it is because I've watched over the years and it is very easy to suffer penalties in your own legislative district if, in fact, you do question the work of a committee. I am not saying that out of any particular malice. I am just saying there comes a time that it is easy, the committee gives and the committee can take away, and if there is anyone who doubts that, they have got to have an awful low IQ on this floor. I don't think any of you do. Now Senator Moore says that some money was reappropriated, it wasn't all spent. Well, hallelujah! The question I have is how much of the money that was spent was really needed, and how well do we know that it was spent. And I am not going to embarrass the members of the committee to stand up here, I would like to ask them, I am not going to, tell me how the money was spent last year, Senator Wehrbein. Tell me exactly what it was spent for, who got it, and to what extent, and what we achieved. Now, the comment was made, I should do something. I did do something. I strapped on an airplane and I went to Scottsbluff, and then I went on to Torrington, and I met personally with individuals from the Wyoming Legislature a long time before I suggested that perhaps the committee meet. I had personal contact with those individuals and I continued to do so. I spent a lot of money doing it. The committee made two trips out to Wyoming. Wyoming came here once and contact was initiated, and we discovered that Mr. Jess's best offer to the Wyoming engineer was never, ever repeated to the Wyoming senators. If it had not been for the committee making that trip, that would still not be common knowledge to the the Wyoming legislators. And the Wyoming legislators were very, very pleased with Mr. Jess's offer. It is just that no one seemed to be able to put the thing together. Now Senator Moore says that I try to confuse this body by talking about the antidam people. Well, Senator Moore, you name me a dam that has been built in this state, and that is going to be built in this state. There is no more dams. Not until the City of Lincoln sucks salt water in their system will anyone care about building more dams. The press will not support it. The politicians won't support it, and the general public won't support it until the well runs dry. I am criticized for not protecting the water. I challenge any member of this body to show anyone who has shown more interest in protecting the water resources of this state than I have. Now there is another thing I want to point out to you. Before most of you were in this