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submerged in wetland. One, proper disclosure of these wells...proper closure of these wells would be deferred until they are no longer under water. If this is a flawed policy, then why are the monitoring wells under water on the site? Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Senator Brashear, on the Matzke amendment.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, I really feel a need to engage in this, and I hope I make a contribution. I participated last year, when we sought the opinion of counsel. But I continue to have concerns about where I'm going...where we're going, and it's going to take some time to lay it out. So, if you'll bear with me, I'll try to be cogent. We're, in my opinion, we are ultimately going to spend 80 or 90 million dollars of taxpayer money. And I really want...think that fact ought to be very plain on the record. We can spend it if we want to, but I believe we're going to spend it. And for some reason I can't even explain, I've always had an interest in watching this issue, so I'm going to use my first opportunity to go back to the beginning, because one of the frus...I think this is government maybe at its worst, with everybody excusing their conduct, denying their responsibility, not doing a particularly good job over a long period of time, and then acting like it's just one of those things that happens. It was about 1983, I don't think I'd even thought about running for the Legislature then, when I remember reading in the Omaha World-Herald excerpts of floor debate with regard to joining this compact. And Chris Beutler, Senator Beutler, probably regarded as some sort of an ecology weirdo, you know, was saying, if we join this pact, we will be the site. He said it over and over. And nobody paid any attention and we joined the compact and we became the site. So let's begin to understand it historically in the simple way it can be understood. And we have all kinds of R & D administrations involved in this. I'm not in this personally or partisanly, but I am interested in the history and the law, and I am interested in having the citizens understand why they're going to pay a bill. As an aside, I'll say that I hear lots of my colleagues say, well, government is not a business, and it doesn't run like...you know what, this is going to be exhibit A, because in business heads would roll for what's happened over