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SENATOR SKARDA: It's \$100,000 worth isn't it?

SENATOR BURBACH: Approximately \$100,000 more the second year, then \$100,000, then it stays about there, then it goes up a little, then it stays to \$682, then finally she drops down to \$273,000 the 12th year.

SENATOR SKARDA: Thank you.

SENATOR BURBACH: Total of about . . .

SENATOR SAVAGE: The Chair recognizes Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to emphasize the thing that our Speaker brought out in his explanation of it, which is in considerable detail. One thing that I would like to emphasize also is that the state people would work right along with the Federal people in completing this soil survey study of the whole state. I think we owe something to the present generation to get this done, instead of waiting till the year 2000.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to call attention to the fourth paragraph of the committee statement, for those of you who are in doubt about what is involved in this project. There has been considerable discussion, and we are reminded daily in this body of the necessity for the studies of various groups of land use and water management, and many other purposes which we dedicate state funds. Now before you start worrying about what you have on top of the soil, and where you are going to build a power plant, or a road, or another structure of some kind, before you worry about whether you are located in the Papio flood basin, or whether your house is going to wash away because you built it in the channel of the Platte River you should know something about the type of the soil. You have to learn something about the absorption rate, the various uses to which it may be devoted, the best cropping practices that might be applied to that because of the soil type. Now there are other people who think that you can walk across the top of the soil, or fly over it at 5,000 feet and find this out. It can't be done. Before you begin to enact many different types of land use legislation in this body, before you enact the various water proposals that have been introduced in several of these committees, before you get involved in zoning around the cities and the counties, you better learn something about the type of soil we have in the State of Nebraska. None of us are anxious to spend money and I know that Senator Marvel is concerned and rightly so. But if we are going to do the job right than this is the first step. Senators Burbach and Carsten are to be commended for the introduction of this bill. I think the bill should be advanced today. It does not need to rest on General File. Read the committee statement, as Senator Syas has pointed out many times, and you will understand the bill much better. Thank you very much.