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we got all the bills across and then didn't come to the Final moment of truth of voting those bills up or down. Now there is no question that each and every one of us still have prevailing interest in a lot of other things. And there is five or six things I would like to see doen. But we are up against a time limit, and Unless someone wants to extend the session, I think we are in serious trouble. I am in concurrence with what Senator Wiltse is proposing. I think if you are prudent and really want to move the business ahead and just get the job done, we'll move right directly to those two bills. We'll move right directly to Final Reading and stay there for the duration the next couple days and get as much as done as we can and let it go at that.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature. I want to support Senator DeCamp. For the reasons I gave this morning. The bill has been heard, and it was heard twice. I think the Committee on Agriculture and Environment the majority of them at least reversed their original position on this bill. I'm not in a position at this time to explain some of the voting that has been done on this bill. I do not intent to try, but I want to reiterate what Senator DeCamp has said and that is this. That if this bill does not pass this session, you are taking away from the school children of the state of Nebraska more money that you are going to be able to give them in a number of bills that are sitting up there on the board. And you have dumped into the laps of the course of what is to this farmer a very good case for the resolution of those law suits, which you can depend on will be filed. And I speak of the farmer, and my sympathy lies with the farmers. And my sense of responsibility lies with the board of trustees of the Board of Lands and Funds, and I want to say that they did an excellent job of convincing me that what we had to do on 894 was a responsible thing to do. There is all of are engaged in a little bit of political chicanery from time to time and that's legal. But the time comes when we have to put that aside and pass on the merits of the bill. I say the bill is a good bill. It has some problems, but those problems are not unsermountable. But we do need to include the bill, and I would like to also later on speak on 677, but that's all for now.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Whitney, then Senator Chambers, Stull, Nore, Goodrich.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature. I'm going to oppose the DeCamp amendment. WE already tried to vote that across this morning, and didn't get the job done. And now the subject is being is brought up that the children are losing money, that they are not going to lose any money. And not only that, but if we pass this bill, then we are going to hold back about a million dollars and not give it to the schools. And this can be done anyway by the board right now. They can develop this land. They can have a contract with the leaseholder and the state would not be out the million dollars for . . . or six hundred fifty thousand or whatever it is a year. So I'm against this amendment of Senator DeCamps.