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SENATOR NICHOL: Do I see five hands? I do now. The motion is, shall debate cease. Please record your preference. Record, Mr. Clerk. Excuse me. I will hold it open then. I have been reminded that we are under Call and I see some people not in their seats.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting aye.

SENATOR NICHOL: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 10 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Schmit, did you wish to close?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, first let me remind all of you that this was not my original amendment. My original amendment called for \$1,000,000. It had no reference to the water conservation fund. It was because of Senator Warner's concern and the concern maybe of the stalwart members of the Appropriations Committee that I adopted the suggestion that we utilize what are really at this time, surplus funds in the water conservation fund. Senator Marsh can think what she darn well pleases about my position relative to the water conservation fund. I think I have conserved more water in the last few days with the minimum tillage of corn planted than Senator Marsh will ever use or conserve but that is not the point here. I think the point of it here is this. Are you going to get your head out of the sand and wake up to the fact that you have got an energy crisis and as I said it may well be man made but it is here. I believe it happens to be man made but are you going to continue to play into the hands of those people or are you going to say we are going to do something about it? You have heard Senator Warner explain that it is not going to affect the water development fund. It comes as kind of a surprise to me when you talk about the piddly amount of money here. I say it is a piddly amount of money, \$300,000 are not going to build enough dams in the first place to save enough water to water half the lawns in Lincoln, Nebraska. It is a bunch of nonsense. If you want to spend \$3,000,000 or \$6,000,000 like you do for some of these capital construction projects you might do something but you are going bear hunting with a switch when you go after it with \$300,000 or \$500,000. Now it is easy to get up here and talk off the top of your head. Senator Dworak is concerned. Well if Senator Dworak was concerned he could have put \$5,000,000 in that