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become larger and possibly get a higher classification in the state payroll plan.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think that, you know, we have come a long way when this Legislature considers seriously the use of eminent domain for the confiscation of one man's property, one man's livelihood, to provide for another man's fun and games. That is what it boils down to. It may come as a surprise to some of you that I served for twelve years as a member of a small watershed board of directors. During that period of time we obtained easements free or at very moderate cost from many, many farmers for flood control projects. It was of interest to me that in later years substantial amounts of money were paid to the fellows who held out and would not give free easements. I used to suffer some embarrassment when I met some of those farmers who had given easements free because of the public service that was involved and then later on the holdouts were able to command substantial amounts of money for their easement but I think it is important to point out that the fact that a flood control project is built does not in any way preclude the use of it for recreation, that that does not mean that the NRD or that rather some entity could not purchase that adjoining land for the purposes of recreation. Now someone is going to say the farmer is going to hold him up. Well, I want to ask you this. If the farmer already has made a contribution of some part of the land, what is a fair and equitable price? I think that can be arrived at, a willing buyer and a willing seller. If three or four thousand people are going to use a pond for recreational purposes, the individual who is making the land available ought to be compensated. But when you use condemnation and you use condemnation for recreation, we are saying that that purpose is far more important than the individual's livelihood. I do not want to do anything that will stand in the way of control...of flood control projects or development projects. I think when I look around a little bit I find a lot more enthusiasm here for condemnation of private property than I found a few days ago for the funding of the funds that would provide some money for that. It is kind of interesting. It is kind of interesting it's a strange analogy that we find people are willing to take from someone, take it away from someone, but at the same time they are not willing to place in the fund money for the purchase. I would suggest that it is not consistent. Now there isn't any doubt about it, a minority of the people

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