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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell. Are we ready to vote on the Lamb amendment? Senator Newell. Is Senator Newell in the room? Okay. Are we ready to vote on the Lamb amendment? Senator Lamb, do you wish....Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I would like to make another comment. I think it is kind of unfortunate that Senator Hoagland chose to attempt to intimidate Senator Lamb in this area. I think Senator Lamb is perfectly capable of taking the responsibility for his own district. I think he represents that district well. I think he probably knows it much better than Senator Hoagland. I find it a little bit disgusting to find someone to stand here with a halo on his head and pointing to the nitrates that are moving in...they are nitrates, not nitrites, Senator, that are moving into the groundwater area of the sandhills when he lives in a city that continually and consistently dumps raw sewage into the Missouri River at the rate of twenty-four million gallons per day, when we are standing at this time within a few miles of the most polluted stream in the State of Nebraska, Salt Creek, which is polluted, by the way, not by agricultural waste or runoff but by the runoff from the lawns and golf courses and parks in the City of Lincoln. So if we are going to start exchanging barbs, I am not an attorney but someone told me once if you come into a court of equity, you come with clean hands. I think it is about time we start looking at whose hands are clean and whose hands are maybe a little bit dusty and, certainly, in reference to those articles in the newspaper, I have an article I will hand out a little bit later, if you were to give equal credence to the amount of wise development that has taken place, not only in the sandhills, but across the State of Nebraska, I think that you would find that the wise and proper and efficient and effective use of irrigation and irrigation systems far outweighs the other. You will find irresponsible attorneys, Senator Hoagland. You will find irresponsible businessmen. You will find irresponsible legislators but the vast majority of people in this nation I think are responsible and I think that you have to recognize also, as long as you are reading articles, I don't think there is anything wrong with reading this one here that says, that I just handed out now, which emphasizes that the negative aspects of the sandhills' development has been overemphasized. I want to suggest perhaps, and I am going to remind you again and again and again, that Senator Lamb, myself, the people who have made the investment, who hold title to the land, who need to pay the taxes on the land to