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can remember, and again Senator Sieck is more close to that than I am. But those funds have not been forthcoming. I want to admonish my good friends at the NRDs also that they do have considerable resources that can be utilized and ought to be utilized and ought to be used for soil conservation practices, not necessarily for the construction of buildings. I think one of the reasons why my colleagues from Omaha decided to introduce LB 902 was because they were concerned about the fact that perhaps the NRD up there was more concerned about brick and mortar and a garage for vehicles than they were about soil and water conservation and the problems of the City of Omaha. So I would suggest that the NRDs can look to their own house just a wee bit and maybe they can find the resources they need to assist...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...the state in this program. I would ask you to support the amendment and then to advance the bill to Select File, at which time we can review the amendment which Senator Hannibal will propose at that time. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Schmit amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Schmit amendment to the committee amendment is adopted. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, as I said earlier, it made no difference to me what the funding level would be. I think Senator Schmit did hit the key point. You've got to put the money behind the program now. If we are going to advance this bill I think it is vitally important that we put some of our priorities in order. And I sense that the environment, or the protection of our environment is a priority, and we have a number of proposals in this Legislature, a lot of them dealing with water conservation and water contamination. But this is one proposal dealing with the soil that I think is vitally important that we pass and put the money behind it. I'm hoping that we can find a way to fund it, if not this year, at least in the coming