

what you have done to that fund consciously and in good conscience and then come back and say, but we need this 200,000, then you have advanced to a position, I believe, where you are not going to listen to anyone else. But I want you to know I don't mind being treated as if I don't know any better but I want you to know that I do and I want you to know that I know and that the people of the State of Nebraska know what is happening. When the soil and water of this state have been abandoned, eventually the resources which support all the entities which you have been so generously funding but once again show real degradation, the University cannot function without an adequate soil and water conservation program. The Department of Roads, Social Services, all of those will come to naught. There is going to be a motion, I am sure, to override the Governor's veto of another bill as to whether the Governor shall appoint the Director of the Natural Resources Commission or whether the Commission shall appoint that individual. Let me point out to you, ladies and gentlemen, that it really doesn't make much difference if that individual presides over an entity which has no funding, which has no possible method of carrying out the responsibilities that were enlisted to it by this Legislature. You have created a straw man...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...a facade. I guess I would have to say there comes a time, I can understand the principle by which we operate here as well as anyone, I have won a few and I've lost a few, but I want you to know, ladies and gentlemen, that the \$200,000 for the DeWitt project does not save the project...does not save soil and water conservation for the State of Nebraska, it saves that little project. But it brushes aside all other proposals. What we are saying by not providing any additional funding to the Commission is that this Legislature does not believe that those projects have any value. Oh, yes, the next Legislature will deal with it. But, ladies and gentlemen, do you really believe you are going to be better off a year from now than you are today? I think not. Do you really believe you are going to have a more generous body next year than now? Of course not. Do you really believe there will be a million, two, three, four, five, ten, for that area? Of course not. You know why? It is like to a certain extent education. It is intangible. You cannot see the results, the benefits, for 20, 30, 40 years, and so as a result it is easy to push it aside. And with the exception of those few little projects which are in a position to be funded, the rest is all way off here in netherland and it