

SPEAKER NICHOL: Are you asking that we recess so that we can find out what the Governor will do with the bill if we send it to him?

SENATOR DECAMP: Absolutely. I think it is time to find out where we are.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, would you come up here, please. Respectfully, Senator DeCamp, I think it may be well for any of you who wish to go speak with the Governor and get his opinions on anything that we're discussing up here is fine. In the meantime, I think we'll continue with our session. Senator Schmit, you're up and, Senator Hefner, you follow Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'm sorry that not everyone is going to be here when I make my little speech, but I just guess that it is sort of like a Nebraska football game. The quarterback calls the shots, and sometimes when the game is not going well, you change the signals. I agree with Senator Hannibal that wise people change their mind from time to time. I think I have to agree a little bit with Senator DeCamp. If it is an exercise in futility, why run yourself through the wringer head first and then find out you haven't really gained anything, but I'm just going to point out on this floor, as I said earlier in some of the many meetings we have held around this Capitol, that once you begin to make adjustments, then each and every one of us who has a particular interest has not only an opportunity, but an obligation to attempt to make some adjustments. I want to refer to the area of natural resources. I want to point out that a number of years ago we passed a bill to conserve and enhance the natural resources of this state. I did so after I cooperated on the Governor's task force. I attended a meeting of individuals over at the mansion because they didn't think I was cooperating sufficiently. I'm not going to name the people who were there, but if you want to know, I'll tell you, but they weren't exactly the insignificant individuals in this state. And there was a commitment made to me at that time, that if we enacted a major bill to protect and conserve the natural resources of this state, that it would be funded and we spoke in terms of 50 million and then we spoke in terms of 40. And finally we conceded that it would take a \$20 million fund to begin to conserve