

fish and water for geese and water for ducks and water for carp and we don't really care about you farmers. Ladies and gentlemen, I hope the day never comes when you have to eat carp and wild duck for a living. I hope you never have to go down to the Platte River and sit there in a duck blind and get yourself a little bit of meat, and if you like carp, that's all right, but you get damned tired of it after a while. The point I'm trying to make is this, if you want a comprehensive water plan, Senator Horgan, all you gentlemen, come to my office. I've got this many documents down there, says, comprehensive water plan. We've spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on trash. Yeah. Water Resources can get...they can give you a water plan in five minutes because they've got them all over there. The facts are that many years ago this state embarked upon a series of statutes, along with, consistent with the Constitution that said, this we're going to do. Twenty years ago I introduced the bill that created the Department of Environmental Control which placed some restrictions upon the use of the water and set the stage for the development of water in Nebraska. The State of Hawaii called me, wants to copy our plan. Now some of you gentlemen want to junk it. Let me tell you this, ladies and gentlemen, we have the best set of underground water statutes of any state in the nation. We have the best set of comprehensive water statutes as they stand today of any of the Midwestern states who have water to talk about. I have begged this body over the years to pass a bill which will protect our water, that will do what, I think, Senator Horgan said, or one of the gentlemen said, to see to it that Kansas can't come in here and siphon off our water. When I said we do it, we put a price on it, I was accused by the very...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...six of the people who are here today that say, Schmit wants to sell our water. He'd sell his own mother's birthright for enough money. Now you say, well, we don't want to bring this to the floor, it's going to compromise our position. Baloney! If I wasn't on this floor, I would have said something more strong. The facts are, ladies and gentlemen, you are cowards. You're afraid to put it on the floor. You refuse to reciprocate even though I have time after time given you your day in court and have given you your chance to argue on the floor. Ladies and gentlemen, you're cowards and I say so here today, I say so apologetically, but I say so because you need to know it. I don't care if you vote against