

flows but let's resolve those two issues. My concern, of course, is this that so long as the money is there the tendency is to litigate. Now someone says, well, Wyoming has got all this money and if we don't take...have some money there, they will run roughshod over us. I don't think they will do so. I don't think they will do so. I am willing to take a chance on it and I do not normally gamble on this kind of an issue. But I know that we can spend more money on litigation than we could ever spend on water projects and I don't like it. And when I have some more time I will tell you some of the other reasons I don't like it, Senator Wehrbein, but there really isn't an issue there any longer. The Inland Lakes will be filled, they build Deer Creek, and it's not a big issue. And I think that it's time that we start acting like neighbors with each other rather than to continue to look for points of controversy. It was my understanding, visiting with Governor Nelson, that Governor Sullivan also feels that way...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...and that Governor Nelson feels that way. And I think that they can, as Senator Moore said, over a game of golf or some other issue, can resolve the issue. But, ladies and gentlemen, here is where it ought to be resolved, on this floor. We are the people who are elected. We have been here, Warner, Senator Warner has been here for 29 years, I've been here 23, you have got a couple hundred more years of experience here, why should we allow the hired men to continue to litigate when this Legislature can say, very frankly, in a show of good faith we're going to let you have a little money for negotiating but no litigation. And if we can't get it settled, I will be the first person to come back a year from now and say, put the money up. If not, we can do what we've done in the past, they can begin the litigation and we will...we can give them a deficit appropriation. But if the money is there, ladies and gentlemen, there is not nearly the tendency there to settle. I think if Mr. Stenberg sent his people up there they'd listen.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Our Legislature showed good faith that we're taking the money out for litigation, let's settle now. If that isn't done, then we go to the mat.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schmit, you are next on the list.