

First off, a couple of things I've heard today strike me as odd, but nothing more so than I wanted to make clear to everyone here and most certainly have on the record than the comment that that nice lady from the National Wildlife Refuge commented on how bad reclamation is around here and how damaging it is. I just want to say that that's a bunch of crap. (Applause.) There's not a coal mine or coal company here that isn't proud of their reclamation. And I want to tell you something. I work for one, and I'll get to that in a second, but there's more wildlife on our reclaimed property than there is in the native property that has never been touched.

(Applause.) So on the record, that lady is wrong. Now, sorry about that. My prepared statement is -- DAVID BATTIS: Would you please state your name and -- MICROPHONE NUMBER ONE: I'm getting there. Thank you. Good afternoon. First off, I want to thank you for the opportunity to be here in front of you speaking this morning. Just as I and the rest of us here have listened to you, I hope you are listening to us. My name is Shilo Lundvall, and I do work for Arch Coal. In my free time, I am the incoming chairman of the Campbell County Public Land Board, a joint power entity funded by Campbell County and the City of Gillette. It's in charge of CAM-PLEX in Gillette, which is the largest multi-event facility in Wyoming, the top five in the country. I continually hear the question, "What's fair to the taxpayer?" And I don't quite understand the logic behind that question. Rates paid on federal coal leases are extensive. Over the last ten years, coal companies in the state have paid in excess of \$3 billion in funds that directly impact schools with \$2 billion of that coming from lease bonus payments. I recently had the privilege of traveling the state, giving awards to educators, and out of the 48 school districts in the state which all benefit from these funds, I drove through or made a presentation at 35 of those districts. We have programs that are funded with this money for students with disabilities that are in the top of the nation because we are able to purchase tangible items that they need which are vastly different than the needs of other students. We are the only state that pays a hundred percent of kids' transportation and a hundred percent of everything related to the education of special needs students. We are able to build schools with the space needed to give these students the best learning environment possible along with paying fabulous educators who

work closely with the students who, in other locations, wouldn't get the attention that they need. Over a hundred schools across the State have been built or renovated thanks to coal lease bonus money. However, we will see that coal lease bonus money dry up in July 2017. In context at CAM-PLEX, our local economy and statewide we have a lot of events at CAM-PLEX. CAM-PLEX is a top-notch facility, and we continue to host the National High School Finals Rodeo where people over the U.S. and a few other countries come to participate. This event alone brings in over \$7 million a year to the local economy. As of right now CAM-PLEX's budget has been cut 11.76 percent for the upcoming fiscal year compared to the current fiscal year. If we have to cut any more, we'll be forced to lay people off. So I ask you if it's fair to the students with special needs that will not be able to get the level of attention they need because of cuts? Is it fair to my staff at CAM-PLEX that we potentially lay them off? Is it fair to the State of Wyoming and people that come to see the National High School Finals Rodeo that they won't get to see that because we can't afford to bring them here if we have cuts? You tell me. What's fair to the taxpayer?