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passed by this body than it is to get \$6,000 or \$12,000 and I am insulted by the attitude of some of my colleagues here today who would take this and regard it as a joking matter. It is not a joke. It is not a joke and I take it as an insult and I want those of you who would treat this matter lightly to know that you have insulted me and my colleagues when you act as though it is a joke. Those of us in this body, time after time after time, are called upon to spend money in the terms of millions of dollars. No one better than I this morning when we advanced LB 571 for the College of Medicine, no one better than I when we put a hundred and some thousand of dollars in for the College of Denistry. We do it everyday and we do it without any qualms or any misgivings and I don't know why the College of Agriculture had it on a certain priority list. It might well be that there priorities are mixed up. I want to stand here and say that if those greenbugs as we refer to them are stamped out, I as a professional sprayer am going to lose money and that's all right with me. I have got more business than I can do anyway. But I want to say that when we take an amendment like this, because the dollar amount is small, and act as though it were not important to the industry, it is easy to sit back and be smug. You want to make it \$600,000. You want them to pad the thing. Hell, no, he is realistic. Then let's be realistic and adopt the amendment and let's not be joking about it. It is all too easy for one of us down here because our pet project is defensible, wears a halo, it has some other criteria, it is all too easy for us to say, well, that isn't important. I say it is important and I say that when a project is important enough to a member of this body that he takes the time and the trouble to draft the amendment and to bring it to our attention, the fact that we may not be knowledgeable of that area does not give us the excuse to belittle the amendment. I ask you to adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is a critical year in the western half of Nebraska, at least to this point. We are setting on a powder keg out there as far as subsoil moisture is concerned and for those of you who are not familiar with the value of the sorghum plant, we need to review this, probably, briefly. The sorghum plant will survive over long stresses of time on minimum amounts of water, and if it does hang on and we get a little shower, it has been known to be revived and go ahead and produce a crop, and as Senator Maresh has indicated, one of the real important pests of the sorghum is the greenbug and research work is going on, has been for sometime, trying to find varieties that will resist this pest. We do need extra help in it and I want to support the Maresh amendment and I hope you will, too.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Shirley Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have some real questions when on a list of priorities we have water research, institute or agricultural statistician for \$9,000. District Farm management specialist and these all come ahead of this proposal which was #36 for the sorghum physiology. This is why I raise the question, if we ask