

CLERK: Read Warner amendment found on page 2006 of the Journal.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Question then is the adoption of the Warner motion to strike the Koch amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Warner amendment passes. Next motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Kremer. (Read Kremer amendment found on page 1582 of the Journal).

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. I'd like to start out by making a point that has been made time and time again on this floor, that is the importance of agriculture to our state. Today, with present market prices, agriculture is questionable. The economic condition of many, many farmers and ranchers today is also questionable. Our outstate banks are saying over and over again that they are loaned up to capacity. If we're going to attempt to keep family-size farms in operation we're going to have to do something about it. This bill, indirectly at least, addresses itself to that very situation. The amendment, and you have it printed in the Journal, I believe on...Vince, do you have the....

CLERK: Mr. President, the amendment is on 1582 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR KREMER: I think probably I should back up just a step and say this. In reviewing LB 533, as it came out of committee, and going back through the history of providing the budget for the East Campus or the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, there were 28 areas of improvement that were approved by the Board of Regents, by those interested in the operation of the East Campus. Out of these 28, plus other areas of improvement, there were 12 areas that were of top priority that are needed in the way of improvement in the operation of the East Campus, or the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. You will note then on page 1582 of the Journal. I'd like to review this for you. It will bring about this improvement in the area of veterinary science, the Southeast station, and another area in veterinary science as a pathologist; then urban horticulture, agronomy, county extension agents, ag engineering, additional help for the Northeast station, and entomology as related to livestock insects, food and science technology, biochemistry, then foods and nutrition. Those are the areas of improvement that are spelled out in this particular amendment to LB 533. In regard to these positions they are critical needs for our continued progress in the need to take care of agriculture as it exists in our state today. I'd like to go on by calling to your attention what would happen if we are able to pass this particular amendment to the bill. Number eight, the Northeast station. I'd like to call your attention to this area of the amendment. It is this area of the state that needs additional help for farm management. This is the area of improvement provided for in the amendment--