

Lamb? Do you? Number 13 on the list is the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, dealing with the Mead Center Extension Research. That's number 13 on the list and I think if you're going to fund number 14 on the list, \$900,000, you best be ready, and I'm sure Senator Schmit's listening to me if he doesn't already have it drafted, he's going to say if you fund 14, you better fund 13 for the same reasons because it's good for agriculture, the Regents screwed up, it should have been higher. The problem with that logic is that one costs \$2.9 million. And the only thing that I point that out is that if you reconsider this, and there is good reasons to do it, and, Senator Lamb, I agree with you the fact that it is important, but I know it's foolish consistency in here but if you fund 14, you better be ready to fund 13 and that carries a \$2.9 million price tag and you can use exactly the same arguments as Senator Lamb and Senator Coordsen gave for that one too.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support this reconsideration motion. I supported an amendment that was presented to us by Senator Coordsen the other day and I will continue to support it and I support the reconsideration motion. But agriculture in our state is our number one industry, and don't ever forget that. Don't ever forget that. I talked to a person from Grand Island last night. He was at the homebuilders banquet and he says, you know, he says even though Grand Island is about 40,000 in population now, we still depend just about totally on agriculture. Now maybe Omaha and Lincoln don't, I don't know, but I believe they do too. But this goes to show us that agriculture is very important in Nebraska. It looks to me like out of over a billion dollar budget we could find less than a million dollars for this program because research is very important to agriculture and that's what this amendment is all about. So I would certainly urge you to give careful consideration to the reconsideration motion at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Warner. On the motion to reconsider, Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, obviously, on any of the amendments that...or we deal with on the floor for that matter, any of the amendments for proposed changes to appropriations during the hearing process I simply do