

expertise that can go around and help people who are beginning to put large sums of money into production and into start up costs, the expertise so that they don't make crucial mistakes. An example would be in Lexington, Senator Barrett's home area, there is a gentleman who got into aquaculture and he was raising coho salmon. One of the things that happens, they tried an experiment with oxygen, but the experiment did not break...there was a storm, the power, basically, went off, they didn't have an alternate power source, they were trying something different, and the entire investment was lost. One of the things that would have been very helpful back in those days, which is just a few years ago, would be someone in the State of Nebraska that would have the expertise to come in and say this is what you need in oxygenation, this is what you need to enclose your areas, this is what you need to do to watch for the spread of disease, this is what you need to do to make sure that you have the right kind of fish that are coming into the state, this is what you need to do to hit all the rules and regs of Game and Parks and what have you. That type of person is needed in the State of Nebraska, it's one...the \$50,000 will be able to give us hundreds of thousands, if not millions in the future, of business, in essence, in the aquaculture field. I know it's not an exciting area, but it's one that in the Midwest part of our...central part of our state, and really in the whole Sandhill area, it's one that people are very much interested in getting into. And it's an area that \$50,000, in this particular case, when we're looking at such a surplus in the budget funds, \$50,000 in this particular area would be very, very well spent, and I urge adoption of the amendment at this point. I don't know if Senator Wesely wishes to speak any at all, at this point. If he does, I'd give him some of my time at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members, I want to thank Senator Bernard-Stevens, I want to thank also Senator Moore who originally co-sponsored the bill when we were working on it back in '87 and did pass the bill. Senator Moore also initiated some follow-up meetings after that bill passed. I'm sure when he gets a chance he'll talk about it. We did meet with the university and try to get them to privately get the money and, through their own budget reallocation process get the money for this position. They simply said you've authorized it and you'd like us to do it, but you've got to fund it, and so we got the door closed on us pretty tight. It's up to this Legislature to