

aquaculture. The Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Nebraska shall employ one person who has experience and knowledge in the area of aquaculture as defined in Section 4 of this act. It was mandated by this Legislature, two years ago, that the Extension Service shall employ one person in aquaculture. Senator Moore and I went and talked to the university after the bill was passed, and so the Governor says you've got the money, we want you to find the money and fund this position. And they, basically, said make us, make us do that. And first they were cooperative, but after a while, they just made it clear that they were not going to be cooperative on this thing whatsoever. It mandated it, but they didn't care, they weren't going to do it. This Legislature passed a bill saying we want this to happen, and the University of Nebraska just turned away from it. They didn't even put it in the request as Senator Warner says. Now, what does that tell you? Aquaculture is a chance to diversify our state, to move into an area that there is a small group of people seeing an opportunity here. They are too small to fund this themselves. They are too small to match any money from us, but they want to get started and get a toe-hold in here. It's up to this Legislature to recognize, no, it's not the traditional type of activity; no, it's not an established program, but it's a way to diversify this state. This is a way for our state to build for the future, and it's \$50,000. We're fighting here over \$50,000 that two years ago was mandated by this Legislature. Let's stand up for what we try and do down here. If you don't like the fact that we passed that bill, then the Appropriations Committee ought to come in with a bill to repeal that section calling for that mandate. If not, let's fulfill that mandate, let's fulfill the commitment that we made two years ago when Senator Moore made it his priority bill. Now I had a bill, LB 430, introduced that this was part of, as well as other activities over there at the University of Nebraska. Let me state for you, I'm a big supporter of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, I've talked about that time and again. But this sort of activity disappoints me because what it says is they are not willing to look to the future and look at ways to diversify, to pick up some new ideas, to move in new directions, to try and reach out and help this state, in some ways, with its economic needs. This is a very important, potential growth industry in this state, and it's the university's role to be a catalyst, to use expertise to reach out and help this potential be realized, this growth be fulfilled. And what do we find instead, we've got the same old traditional type of let's hunker