

down and hang in there, we'll go for faculty salaries and do some of this and that, and that is fine. And it disappoints me greatly that the university is not willing to recognize the need for initiative in this area, and instead maintains itself in the same old traditional ways. It's great, wonderful, but let's think about the potential here. Now we mandated this activity, it's in the statute, the university has not been willing to fulfill this mandate. I think it's up to this Legislature to say we're serious about it, we want to fulfill that mandate and to fund this program. Now many of you are perhaps not familiar with what aquaculture is, you may not even know that there is already some activity going on in this state. But it has a chance to help us in the future, it's not a lot of money and we ought to proceed down the road to funding this program and seeing that it's actually carried out in the way we thought it should be two years ago.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Bernard-Stevens, please, followed by Senator Scofield.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not feeling so well this morning, but the arguments this morning have gotten the adrenaline going a little bit, so maybe I can get my emotions up a little bit more here. I find it very interesting, some of the discussion that is going on. Senator Warner, as Chairman of the Appropriations, stated, certainly, some good arguments. But I'd like to bring up some other areas. Example, the University of Nebraska did not come in and specifically request a potato expert, the committee put it in. The University of Nebraska did not come in and ask for a poultry specialist, the committee put it in. Now there is a subtle difference, and the committee would have you believe that this subtle difference is the difference of why we don't want to support \$50,000 into an area of aquaculture in the State of Nebraska, and that subtle difference was there was a program at the University of Nebraska which the university was very quietly phasing out. And it took Senator Moore, representing people in his area, Senator Scofield, representing people in her area, it took them to come up and say, wait a minute, wait a minute, University of Nebraska, we don't know if we agree with this; we don't know if we agree with you phasing out programs that particular senators you know were going to really like, and that we'll come in on the floor and try to put those...reinstate it back in. That implies you can take the money, put it elsewhere, and then we'll come in and increase your funds by putting in the