

bill the amendments necessary to keep those good programs. And Senator Scofield and Senator Moore, to their credit, called them on that. Unfortunately, I was not on the Appropriations Committee, so the aquaculture kind of bit the bullet a little bit. There is no substantial difference, the University of Nebraska did not ask for, but they received from the committee on two areas, they did not on the other. The second point I'd like to make, Senator Moore has talked about, well, some of the other people are willing to come up with their own monies to do that. I'd like to respond to Senator Moore that we're not talking just about small groups. I know Senator Barrett has had a meeting in his district, in Gothenburg, Nebraska, that was attended by over 100 or so. I had a meeting with my aquaculture people in North Platte this summer, we had people flown in from Washington State, from Oregon, from Norway that were experts in the field that came to packed houses of people that were desperately interested in expanding and finding a way of making a reasonable and decent living in the State of Nebraska, and they were excited about aquaculture. They had the facilities of aquaculture and it was right there on their own land, their water. They are willing to spend all the money that they have at their disposal to get started. All they are asking for is that the Legislature put into the University of Nebraska an expert that can make sure that they don't ruin the investment, because with aquaculture when you put the investment, and you don't do it properly, the fish die and there goes the entire investment. You can't make a mistake in aquaculture, you have to be very, very careful. Many of those who have pioneered the field of aquaculture in this state have learned from their mistakes. They were financially hurt severely by their mistakes, but they've been able to come back. They don't want others to make those same mistakes. I'd like to also emphasize what Senator Wesely said. This position was mandated by this Legislature. The money was vetoed out, it was not overridden, and now we're coming back and saying let's fund the program that we originally wanted to do. This Legislature has done a lot of different things so far this session. We're talking about \$50,000 in an economic area that could be very, very fruitful for the State of Nebraska. We're talking about something that is not a possibility, Senator Wehrbein, it's not something that in the future maybe this will have some future benefits to the State of Nebraska. It's already having some benefits now. They need some technical help. Fifty thousand dollars is all that they are asking, and I say "all" with quotations. Certainly it is a lot. People out in my part of the state sometimes don't