

get used to coming to the Legislature and asking for money. These people are. We have spent over \$250,000 already for a dang study on 247, and I'm for the study on 247. But this body is willing to spend 250,000 on a study that may, in the future, bring us something and it may not. We're saying \$50,000 can bring us some economic advantage now. And I'm really quite surprised, to be honest with you, that people on the floor can speak without too much tongue in cheek against it. I guess that I understand the Appropriations needs to keep the...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...flood gates closed. I know they have to be sure and watch, because if we start agreeing to amendment after amendment, the budget gets a little bit nervous, I understand that. But this is something that is needed and necessary and needs to be done. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Scofield, followed by Senator Haberman.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I don't think that I'll do much, except reiterate probably what previous members have already said on this. So I'm not going to be particularly lengthy. I think there is one definite distinction between those three specialists. Let me first say I just saw a presentation here a month or so ago at NCSL on aquaculture. And I think it may, in fact, have a future in this country. The extent of its future in Nebraska yet I'm not clear on. I'm certainly willing to pursue that. But I think there are some definite distinctions at this point at least when you have to make those choices about what you fund one year and what perhaps you don't fund until some point in the future. As Senator Moore has already pointed out, poultry and potatoes are both well-established industries in this state, which, for reasons that I don't fully understand frankly, were not being funded by the university, and that disappointed me that we had to, in fact, take this course of action. But I think you can make the distinction between an industry that is already producing money into the economy and one that may have potential, but that just isn't there yet. The other distinction that I saw is there is a constituency there for the potato industry and for the poultry industry that I don't see yet with the aquaculture industry. Now Senator Bernard-Stevens makes what is probably a legitimate complaint saying, well, my people