

million dollars is the right answer. So, for that reason, at this point in time, until Senator Johnson and Senator Baack come up with another alternative to get the money from, I, unfortunately, although I agree with the reasoning of Senator Johnson,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR MOORE: ...I would encourage the body to defeat Senator Johnson's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I farmed 32 years in Nebraska, which is a very small slice of history in this state. And in all of those years, nationally and somewhat within the State of Nebraska, there has been a lot of lip service given to the needs for conserving but when push came to shove the dollars were always diverted someplace else or most of the dollars were diverted someplace else. The 1985 farm program put a significant burden upon most of the landowners in Nebraska, not necessarily the farm owners alone or the farm operators alone, but landowners of agricultural land in Nebraska to develop conservation plans for their land. Now there are areas in Nebraska, you know, we're supposed to be a flat state, that a person might not think that this \$500,000 would have much impact. But I would share with you as we have reached the last days of signing up for a conservation plan for erosion prone land in the State of Nebraska, it's become readily apparent to the natural resource districts and to the Natural Resource Commission that there is not anything close to enough money available, identifiable on the state level, on the federal level, to implement the plans that are being drawn. Five hundred thousand dollars which would be the soil conservation part for the first part of the next biennium sounds as a lump to be a significant amount of money. Compared to the needs out there it is almost insignificant to address the concerns. It's not a free ride on the part of agriculture. I happen to farm in the state of...in a part of Nebraska that required a significant amount of soil structures, of erosion control devices and changes in management practices in order to be able to qualify for the federal farm programs. The cost of this has to be borne by someone. It's whether we decide that this is a point of emphasis, a policy of the State of Nebraska that we're going to be involved and interested in soil conservation either in the