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to the debate this morning on this issue, Senator Elmer and Senator Barrett both brought up, I think, very fine points and their advice should be heeded here. I appreciate the conservative warnings that Senator Turbo...or Senator Moore has offered to us today (laughter) that we're spending, but...but this is an issue, as Senator Barrett has pointed out and Senator Wesely as well, that the Agriculture Committee has looked into this issue and has had interim study hearings on this subject and, as Senator Barrett has indicated, there is a great deal of interest in rural Nebraska to diversify agriculture and to go into areas such as aquaculture. There are several states in the south central part of this country, Louisiana for example, where catfish farming is the number one cash crop in those areas. And so commercial fish farming is something that is done by a lot of states. I think Nebraska should move forward on this area. Providing an aquaculture specialist will certainly help our Nebraska producers develop a product that there is a demand for. So I plan on supporting Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Haberman, followed by Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, in an answer to Senator Warner's suggestion that we use the Game and Parks Commission, Senator Warner, during an interim study the Game and Parks people stated that they did not have any expertise on fish farms or aquaculture. They stated in the study that they didn't want to have anything to do with it. They didn't know anything about it, and I believe that because they don't have the expertise on that. So, therefore, I say to you, it's money well spent and I ask you to support the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Korshoj, followed by Senator Dierks, please.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 24 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dierks, would you like to speak? Senator