

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senators Coordsen, Rogers, Dierks, Rod Johnson, Kristensen, Elmer and Morrissey.

SPEAKER BARRETT: In the absence of the prime introducer, is anyone else prepared to present the amendment? Senator Dierks, would you care to explain the amendment?

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Clerk, would you read the amendment?

CLERK: Senator, this is AM1633. I think it's the greenhouses amendment. It's on page 2025 of the Journal, Senator.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Coordsen had to be excused for a short while but if someone else is prepared...

SENATOR DIERKS: I will be glad to talk about it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you.

SENATOR DIERKS: I think we ought to talk about it. The...this concerns the difficulties that they're having with the greenhouses at the East Campus, University of Nebraska in Lincoln. And it does strike, you know, to all of us because some of the projects that take place out there are concerned with like development of new varieties of wheat. This is just one of the...one of the things that was brought home to us and without these facilities they're not able to do this particular sort of testing. We have both federal and state people doing this work and there has been a serious problem with the greenhouses, especially with the covering. And the fiberglass covering which was supposed to be under a guarantee of 25 years and is now only like 11 or 12-years-old has failed to live up to the guarantees. We're getting much less percentage of light through those panels of fiberglass now that we really need for the utilization of this wheat variety experimentation. And so they know that in their...that part of their problems are that they need to replace that fiberglass with glass and they now have a glass that's of potential strength enough to withstand problems with weather like hail or other types of damage but does cost. Now, along with this, there are some problems with motors that have gone bad and the motors that actually elevate and close the windows that help with the humidity and the temperature, environmental control in the buildings. The whole thing is pretty well documented. I really don't have that paper