

with me. I went out to the university the other day, along with Senator Coordsen and Senator Morrissey, and we took a tour during one of the noon breaks of the problems out there and it was very evident that we do need to do something and the reason that we do need to do something is that...one of the reasons we do need to do something is for the development of this wheat variety program we have in Nebraska. This is an ongoing experimentation and it's ongoing research, does provide us with varieties of wheat that will do well in Nebraska and we can't get those same varieties developed in other places because of our unique place in the hemisphere. Specifically, we are talking about replacing the fiberglass with glass at a cost of \$835,000 which includes the labor for removal and for replacement. Specifically, we are also talking about metal electrical conduit that we have to remove and be replaced with a PVC conduit for 21 of these greenhouses, at a cost of \$140,000. Specifically, we're talking about removal of deteriorated paper cooling pads and replacement with aluminum pads. This is ongoing cost so this is something that would have to be done anyway, \$46,000. Ventilation and environmental control equipment is in bad...in need of replacement. The motors are no longer made and you can't buy replacements for them and they have just...they have been over-used and so they have become in a state of disrepair. They are trying to do this now, making one motor work where five should be working and it's just putting extra taxes on those motors; cost of \$546,000. They need to upgrade the electrical head house; \$169,000. The total bill is 1,737,000. I don't believe there is any question as to the need and it has a direct impact on the economy of the wheat producing country in Nebraska which is quite a large industry in Nebraska and the industry is dependent on the research that goes on out there and without these particular improvements we just won't have the ability to do this research. I would urge your favorable support of this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: You're through? Thank you. Discussion on the amendment explained by Senator Dierks. Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senator Rogers.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will not visit very long because of the...probably my voice will grate on you as it does on me. But I just wanted to emphasize what this amounts to. There was a million dollars put in by the Appropriations Committee and this amendment adds 735,000. The reason for that is, truthfully, we felt on the Appropriations Committee that we