

could not justify more than a million and you can see that. On the other hand, I was not aware at that time that phase one really needed 1,735,000 to do it properly. And since the research is so basic to the university function and at the...at the...I and the Natural Resources Institute felt it appropriate to call it to your attention the necessity of this. And there is a handout being passed out that documents what Senator Dierks said as to the cost. And I have other information regarding the reason that this happened. Dr. Hanway, who I am sure many of you knew as Chairman of the Agronomy Department for many years, and I have got a letter from him and I think many of you may have that, that documents the fact that they did not deliberately build this cheaper. There was an appropriation cut-back by the Governor from 13 million down to \$10 million and they attempted to make the best possible use of the money that was appropriated to do that in this greenhouse, in the greenhouses. Technology has advanced since that time and really only to the benefit of hindsight do you see that that technology using the plastic was not as proper as it should have been when in reality they probably should have used glass. Most of that is the benefit of the hindsight. There are not that many greenhouses built across the United States for research purposes. Nebraska is a leader in this particular area and it's appropriate, I think, to consider this as you face this particular appropriation. It is basic to the research function of the institute, crops, particularly in the agronomy and horticulture area. And I will let others speak to that but I wanted to call your attention to that because it really is very basic to the institute.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. Speaker and members, I was also out at the university by myself day before yesterday, received some more information on this project. I think Senator Wehrbein explained some of the reasons. There seem to be a few comments that are comparing this to the pharmacy college, you know, what happened. Like Senator Wehrbein said, they cut down when they lost part of their money, they cut them down from, I believe it was from 90 foot down to 60 foot in length, still thinking that they were going to have a viable greenhouse but the plastic didn't stand up like some thought it would. This is, I think, if I'm correct, this is for only 25 of the buildings that they're going to work on at the present time. We talked about economic development for two or three days in this body, I don't know of