

any dollars that probably...or not probably, they will return more dollars than some of the Department of Economic Development bills and dollars that we have talked about in the last few days. It's not only wheat but there is also other agronomy plants that they use in these greenhouses, wheat being one of the larger ones. I realize, but I think if any of you would have toured the facilities, would have seen it, I didn't realize and I think a lot of us didn't realize the shape that some of these particular structures were in. And I think if you would have seen it, realize what they do for the ag economy of the State of Nebraska, I don't think there would be any doubt in your mind but what you would vote green for this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, please, followed by Senator Abboud.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support this amendment. And what this would do is put our greenhouses on East Campus in a lot better shape than they are at the present time. I feel that research is very important to our agriculture economy. Agriculture in Nebraska is our number one industry and so we need to be mindful of that and try to do all we can to keep it up...to keep it up front. Millions and millions of dollars are added to our economy by agriculture and so we need to do the research that's necessary to keep this as our number one industry. And what this amendment would do is help us to replace the covering. It would help us to replace the...some of the motors and bring it back in tip-top shape. As I understand it, plastic was used instead of glass, originally, and, of course, that was probably the wrong thing to do but I imagine dollars were short at that time too. Some of the motors have gone bad and they need to be replaced and so we just need to be sure that we provide the money to do a number one class job as we want to keep agriculture as our number one industry in Nebraska. And so I would urge you to support this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Abboud, followed by Senators Lamb and Warner.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I have some concerns about this particular amendment. As we talked yesterday about some of the appropriations that are coming up with capital construction, I think that on occasion the Board of Regents have not used the best judgment in the approaches on spending money