

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...Regents in the future. Now, we have some large projects in this bill and this is a rather small amendment in comparison to it but I think that if the responsibility has to stop at the Board of Regents, maybe the only proper approach, the only approach that we can make them understand that there has to be this accountability is to explain to the Board of Regents that we're going to give you an X amount of dollars and from that amount of dollars you will have to make those necessary repairs. The Legislature will not appropriate an additional two or three million dollars to repair these types of buildings that were improperly constructed. They knew what they were getting into when they chose to build the greenhouse back in 1977. They knew that they would be building with less than high quality standards and now the piper...they have to pay the piper. I won't be supporting this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President, I rise to support this amendment. I think this is very important to the agricultural community that we have these greenhouses. Now, the fact that there may have been some mistakes made in the construction of the original greenhouse, that sort of mistake has been discussed on this floor extensively in regard to some other construction problems that have arisen in regard to university facilities. So I don't think we need to go back and try to assess blame, lay blame or decide what should have been done. At this point, these greenhouses are essential to agricultural research and I think that we should appropriate the money for them.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner, followed by Senator Moore.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this issue is the same as almost any issue we want to address in which comes the funding at a higher level of funding can be justified. Now it's true that this was 14 out of 14 on the priority list. It's true that when it was constructed in the middle seventies...and there isn't the slightest doubt in my mind that it was constructed with every intent and every consultation with experts, and, as Senator Wehrbein has indicated, I think all of us received a letter from Don Hanway who was chairman of the department at the time and those of you