

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE. Mr. Speaker and members, I, too, rise to oppose the amendment, the greenhouse amendment, with some reluctance. Obviously, myself being a graduate of the University of Nebraska, obviously, I would like to see this happen but I simply do not think the \$700,000 is that high a priority for me, as it was not a high priority for the university. Now, in the Appropriations Committee recommendation, our capital construction recommendation exceeds \$20 million already for the University of Nebraska; \$20 million in the capital construction recommendation already over that. And, as Senator Warner pointed out, this particular project was somewhat...somewhat low, I think it was 14 out of 14 in the university's request, necessary project. There was more necessary things out there. I think it should also be pointed out that the first two requests, the two top requests of the university, the first one dealing with classroom renovation and the second one simply escapes my mind, as I stand here, were only funded at a portion of their request. Now, as Senator Warner just mentioned, the original request in this particular item was \$2.9 million, if I remember correctly. Much of that was items other than the skin to the greenhouse. That's really what I think is the high priority is changing the skin on the greenhouse that's not working, that was...should have been glass but is plastic, and some motors because of some water problems they're having there. Obviously, if you want to do it...if the Legislature wants to fund it all and do it right, \$1.7 million would solve the problem. I think the million dollar recommendation the Appropriations Committee has made recognizes that we are concerned about it. We are going to give the Board of Regents a million dollars to address that. They said there is over \$20 million in just capital construction recommendations alone for the university and the Board of Regents. I sympathize with the problem of the greenhouses but, as with the things we spoke about for the last week and a half, \$700,000 is \$700,000, this was low on the university's priority. We have already given them a million dollars to try and fix it. I think, in my opinion, if we stick with the million dollars, the problem will be taken care of and I don't see why we have to fork over another \$700,000 to solve it. I urge the body to oppose the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schellpeper, please.