

industry. We have found from time to time, of course, that errors occur. But I guess there are several points I would like to make. Number one, we are always talking about the tremendous cost of health care and the responsibility that this state has to hold down the cost of health care. We know the problem we have relative to providing health care for our own employees and for the indigents and, of course, the citizens of Nebraska. To the extent that this structure and this college may or may not be needed, if it is not needed, we are, in fact, contributing to the increased cost of health care. There was some discussion years ago about closing the college. I discussed recently with a number of individuals in the Omaha area as to whether or not we do, in fact, need two colleges of pharmacy. The plain admission, in most instances, is that we do not but that politics would not allow it to be closed. In fact, I met with a group of individuals from Omaha recently who said we do not need the medical school. There isn't any reason why a state with a 1,600,000 people needs two medical schools. Now if you want to really create a furor, try to close the School of Medicine. I think the Appropriations Committee can tell you that if you really wanted to save some money, of course, that would be a good place to start. It doesn't make any sense to me to provide the best technology in the world if, in the final analysis, the individuals who have to pay for it can't afford to pay for it. I think that we ought to...we ought to consider, while we are discussing this again this morning, if the long range plans for the College of Medicine should include or not a College of Pharmacy, and if not, what the alternatives would be. One of my principal concerns is that in an instance like this we very, almost casually spend \$3 million and I am going to be a little parochial at this point but the research station at Mead has proposed for several years that they replace 50-year-old structures up there with a new administration building. The structure was originally supposed to cost a little over \$4 million. They cut it down to two million eight. Now they have cut it down to a million eight in a desperate attempt to get it financed. I still happen to believe that agriculture is important in the State of Nebraska and the work that is done there is important. It was indicated that we need to repair the greenhouses because it is important to agricultural research. I believe that is true and most of us would agree. But it is very, very difficult to finance all of the projects we need to finance and it is extremely burdensome...

PRESIDENT: One minute.