

body, I am glad Senator Schmit brought this proposal to us. You know, if we treated the rest of the complex of the University of Nebraska the same way that we treat the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources when it comes to funding for capital construction, we would go up to the College of Pharmacy and we would get some telephone poles and we would dig holes and we would set them outside the walls and get some cable and brace the building up. We would say to the College of Business Administration, you don't have room, we're going to rent a tent for you. That will work. You will get by for another year. You can scavenge a few more parts and you can go another year. But when it comes to the other teaching branches of our university, we say it's needed, this is great, this is wonderful, it's good. And it is good. But I would suggest to you that the facility at Mead, which I am sure far more people have visited Fort Robinson, in this body, than have ever been to Mead or ever will go, as Senator Schmit indicated, but it's a teaching facility, too. The agronomists, the entomologists, all of those that are responsible for the great productive capacity of agriculture in this nation don't spring free born from the womb knowing what they know. They have to be trained. They have to have facilities. They have to have adequate equipment. They have to have buildings to house their projects in and for the administration of those projects to be housed in. I think this request is a fair request. It's a minimal request and it's one that we should add to 814 for the future of Nebraska, for the future of the standing of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources in all of the land grant colleges with regard to agricultural instruction. So I would urge your quick adoption of the Schmit amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wehrbein, would you care to discuss the amendment, followed by Senator Moore.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President and members, just briefly, I would support this especially from the planning money standpoint that Senator Schmit has suggested. This building is definitely due in line in terms of priorities. It's been on the list a long time. It is replacing buildings built in 1942. It is a relatively small scale. They have worked hard at trying to come up with something that will...can be accommodated within the budget. They have scaled down the building of this so it will fit. It is really, in essence, a desperate need and I can support this especially from the planning money standpoint to fit in with the budget at this time and to, hopefully,