

appropriately fund it when its due has come. But I...I, frankly, admit that when we discussed the greenhouses on this floor before, I felt that in terms of emergency that the greenhouses were truly an emergency and were justifiably funded to get started on the renovation and repair of those. And I made a tough decision as far as I was concerned in the Appropriations Committee to put that ahead of this project. On the other hand, I think it's appropriate that we do go ahead and provide some planning money for this and to set the direction that we can properly provide an office facility and a small auditorium and office space at the Mead Research Center which is known nationwide, if not worldwide, and it is appropriate that we start this process, and, therefore, I would support this.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and members, as I...as I have in committee, I rise to support this amendment in support of the Mead program and in light of all the other activities that have happened today, obviously, the argument that there's not enough money does not hold water and I urge the body to support it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, I see no other lights on that would like to speak to it. Would you care to close?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President and members, I will be very brief. As Senator Wehrbein and Senator Moore both touched upon it, I believe the facility is needed. It's necessary. Priority is, I believe, adequate in the way of the recognition of the fact that necessary work is performed out there. Senator Coordsen touched upon the fact that they have gotten by for a long time. The fact that they have done so does not mean that they should continue forever. I just think that this is a facility which certainly ought to be equal to many of those which we have included in the budget thus far. And I would hope that you would support the amendment to add it to this budget.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Schmit amendment to LB 814. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted?

SENATOR SCHMIT: A call of the house and a roll call vote, please.