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LB 814

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President. For the members, for your interest, I have handed out a map that I can't verify that is a 100 percent accurate but Senator Scofield's staff had...they have done such a good job on their map-making skills that I wanted my staff to have some experience in it as well. So, to the best of our ability, we worked through fiscal and checked with LB 814 to give you kind of a visual effect of where the capital construction, with the exception of the one change that we took out yesterday, where it would fall in the State of Nebraska. And we have done it with size, the big star being a million and over, and the squares \$500,000 and \$999,999 and so on on down to \$10,000 to basically \$50,000. It is always fascinating, you know, when we talk on the body about where things are and where things are going but I thought, visually, it would be kind of interesting for western senators particularly to kind of look and see where we...what we have. What I am offering is an amendment that would put a...add a capital construction cost, not a million dollars, not \$5 million, not over a 10-year period or three years, there's no buildings falling down, there's no repair, we're basically going to...what I'm trying to do is something for the extension agriculture research area in North Platte, an area that does extensive research in swine. They have buildings that had been built in the 1920s. They have asked for the last 20 to 25 years for funds to try to get it enclosed. It is one of the top research facilities in the state. Actually, I should rephrase that, it is one of the top research facilities in the United States. One of the leaders in the area, Murray Danielson, if I would hand out his resume to you, it would show that just in the last two years has visited almost every continent (sic) in the United States sharing the knowledge that has been obtained through the studies in this particular research area. The problem, however, is the following. We're never able to quite break through the bureaucratic process to get the \$250,000 we need in the western part and all we're asking is to enclose this particular unit. (Gavel.) Thank you, Mr. President. I couldn't remember what the words were but I thought if I did the gavel sound that it might work. Members of the body, I don't want to take any more time. Gosh knows that I have had my share of time on the microphone and I don't...I wish I wouldn't have to do that but, in essence, what we're doing is the following. We have a research initiative at the University of Nebraska. We have a research facility that all they're asking for an encloement of the swine unit. What is happening in this 1920s