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always has to mention, well, you know, where do we get the return, the economic development, tax incentives, you name it. I think you could...I would be safe in saying that for \$250,000 the returns would probably be a lot greater than they will on some of the other projects. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members, I would probably be better off not speaking on this but I guess I have to be true to what I think. I have known Dr. Danielson a long time and I'm sure he needs a new farrowing house at North Platte. I guess I will have to state I can't support this at this stage. It may be appropriate. Maybe it will go in and a lot of things will be vetoed out like they are. I strongly support agriculture and the facilities going with it but I didn't know about this. We did not deliberately leave it out of the Appropriations Committee because we didn't know about it as far...at least this is the first that I have known about it in the last 10 days. But I think it's something that is probably needed but I cannot justify it in my own mind at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. There are no other lights. Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you like to close?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President. Very briefly, and I appreciate Senator Wehrbein's comments. I know where his heart lies on this particular issue. In his heart he wants to push green but he may not be able to at this particular point. I understand that. I would like to say that Senator Wehrbein is absolutely right, there is a reason the committee did not know about it and I know it sounds silly but when you look at the map maybe it kind of brings it to an attention. And I don't mean to be frivolous but out in the western part of the state we get so little capital construction, we get so little things done that, believe it or not, it doesn't even occur to them to come and ask. They'll go through the bureaucracy of the university or they'll go through the bureaucracy of wherever they need to go, and when they're told no, they just say, okay, well, maybe next year. And, finally, Murray gave me a call about three, four weeks ago and Murray said, Senator, he says, I'm tired, I will probably never be able to see it. We've done tremendous work that the world has recognized, it's time that we get something and I don't know what else to do. And I said, Murray, have you gone through the system? And he says, how many