

File and I do encourage the body to keep in mind in the upcoming years that when these things come to debate again, that we continue what we have done today. Hopefully, the body when they vote to advance 1019 will vote it as a long-term commitment, something that Nebraskans need to do. And I appreciate Senator Johnson for bringing this to us. It does show foresight, I think, on his part and the body and the State of Nebraska, I think, will be very, very grateful once we get this implemented if we can get it done in the right manner. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Additional discussion, Senator Scofield, followed by Senators Weihing, Conway and Coordsen.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to support this bill wholeheartedly. Senator Johnson is obviously recognizing what is important in the future of this state and moving us in the direction that I think we need to go. As you all know, the eastern Europe things, which have already been referenced here on the floor, I think give us a brief moment of opportunity in the international market if we can figure out what our niche is as a state and how to take advantage of that. There appear to be, based on lectures that I've heard recently from people that have been over there and conversations I've had with people who have been over there, not only opportunities for our agricultural commodities which are probably going to be our major opportunity, but a tremendous demand for things like infrastructure development, educational services, consulting services, many kinds of services that Nebraskans are uniquely qualified to deliver. And I think the important thing is to figure out how we fit into that scenario and what we have to offer over there and how we can tap into that market. For some time now I have been watching the developments in Europe and what we expect to happen in 1992. I think that's still very much unpredictable but, nevertheless, pose some challenges for an agricultural state like Nebraska and also offer some opportunities if we're able to get into that arena and play effectively. I have a couple of thoughts in terms of the things we should think about doing on Select File with this bill. Many of those points have already been made in terms of the kind of expenditures that would be necessary to carry this out, and I agree, we should not send people off to represent us with an unaccomplishable task with too little money, and so I think it is extremely important that we get in place a plan very quickly that recognizes what our unique capabilities are to participate