

in this emerging global market in Nebraska and to figure out where our comparative advantages are in this whole scene and it seems to me that has to be the first expenditure of money over and above some other priorities out there. I would suggest that it would be wise if we identify many successful businesses and agricultural exporters that are already out there successfully competing in this international market and see what they can teach us and what they would tell us rather than sitting some poor isolated soul over in the Department of Economic Development saying, go conquer the world for us. It simply can't be done. There are a lot of people out there that we can learn things from that are performing successfully in the international market and I would think that we would want to direct and support the DED department in that kind of direction. We've obviously got industry that have been selling irrigation equipment of a worldwide basis for a long time. They ought to be consulted. I have a constituent that has successfully tapped into the Central American markets in terms of leather products that he is selling. There are numerous people like that around the state of varying sizes from huge corporate interests such as ConAgra that have international interests, Norden Labs now has international interests. I think we ought to pull together a team of people out there who are doing it successfully in the private sector and help them put this plan together for this state. The other area that I think we should make sure that we involve in this whole effort are the commodity boards who have been leaders for a long time in terms of figuring out how to market our agricultural commodities on a global basis. I think Senator Coordsen turned his light back on. He has had a lot of first-hand experience with those groups and so I would very much support this effort and again commend Senator Johnson for his vision and throw out these two practical suggestions about how we might actually make this work. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Weihing.

SENATOR WEIHING: Mr. Speaker, call the question. I call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? All in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please. Record please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.