

consumer to purchase to put on the living room table, but these are classrooms, research facilities for the great agricultural industry of the State of Nebraska. I would share with you that one of the reasons that Nebraska stands in the top agricultural regions of the nation is from the results of the research that has been done at the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources by people going back over quite a number of years. And I've always been accused of talking too slow on the floor so I thought perhaps if we sped things up just a little bit that we could move the procedures along this afternoon. But, quite seriously, this is something that needs to be done. I have not been elated with the way that the general administration of the university system has been handled over the years in the relationship of the funding mechanism to the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. I think that I shouldn't have to be standing here today asking for \$900,000 but rather the administration should have provided the amount of money necessary in their continuing requests of the Legislature for appropriations over the years to have maintained the greenhouses in the condition that they should have been maintained. I can identify quite easily with this facility because there is a great deal mechanical in nature in that they are required to have certain degrees of light transmission through the roofs in order to have the research conducted in a way that is successful. They require a great amount of sophisticated both water control and other environmental factors and ventilation to maintain proper temperatures, all of which are necessary. I would suggest to you that in addition to the value that it has directly to the great agricultural enterprises in the state that the teaching environment of these greenhouses should never be discounted. The agronomists that are used by our seed companies nationwide don't spring from underneath of a rock someplace, they have to be trained. They have to be educated. They have to be shown the best ways to provide the research that we are needed. One thing that comes to my mind, quite quickly in talking about this, is several years ago, about 10 years ago the grain sorghum industry was devastated by a green bug. Green bug is a plant...an aphid that feeds upon the wheat plant. Suddenly, they mutated into feeding on grain sorghum. The University of Texas, the University of Kansas, and the University of Nebraska, working in cooperation, were able to develop strains of grain sorghum that were resistant to the green bug infestation and today it's not much of a problem. I have no idea how many millions of dollars that is worth to the not only Nebraska but the central states region. The