

entomologists, all of the agricultural disciplines that go through the institute and receive their training, do a great amount of the work in these greenhouses. I would suggest that if we don't do this, they would get by, they would be able to scavenge some of the parts that are still workable on the ones they're remodeling from the appropriations that we were generous enough to give them in the last year, but I would suggest to you that that's not the way to support agriculture in Nebraska, that the way to support agriculture is to do things right when they need to be done. This renovation will have to be finished at some time in the future. It will not get cheaper, it will only get more expensive. We are at the threshold now of beginning to let the contracts to renovate a little over 60 percent of the greenhouses on the east campus. They will begin and the plans are to begin with those that are the most critical and work down the line as to the uses of those greenhouses. If we go through the bid process, it is probably going to save us, if not millions, at least hundreds of thousands of dollars to do the process as one unit rather than continue on three years from now, five years from now. whenever we decide that it's something that should be done. So I would suggest that although the \$900,000 seems like an awful lot of money, it is \$82,000 per unit, which includes the renovation of the substructure, as per the code; it includes all of the environmental controls, the door motors; it includes rewiring because the metal electrical conduits have rusted due to the high humidity in most of the greenhouses, resulting in a very unsafe condition for those that work there; and it will also include reroofing the greenhouses with a material that will be much more light transmissible than what is currently used. These were built with state of the art material that they thought would be the best thing to use at the time they were built. It has not proved to be that way. There is a new double strength glass that will be used to help reduce the possibility of damage from the all too common Nebraska hailstorm. I think it's a well-thought-out plan, as economical as what is possible to make, and I would urge your adoption of this amendment to the committee amendments to 1031. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please, followed by Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the greenhouse issue was before the committee in a separate bill which, in those cases where there were separate bills, at least, we attempted to act on capital construction separately in a bill