

to what impact to the economy of the State of Nebraska that the declining corn price from November of 1988 to November of 1989 had on the state; \$400 million on one commodity alone in the price decline. Folks, that's 20,000, \$20,000 a year jobs. And if we lost 20,000, \$20,000 a year jobs in the state, I don't think that particular news story would be buried on the third page of a morning paper. It's our general attitude toward our basic industry. Read the report that 75 percent of the new money coming into the state comes from either the export of raw material or the export of processed agricultural commodities. And we can't afford \$900,000 to make sure that the underlying substructure that provides the new information, that trains the people, that provides the new plant technology, we can't afford it. I don't disagree with anything that Senator Warner said because we do have to make choices on the floor of this body. This is not something that's going to win anyone votes but it's something that's right. When you read the articles about biotechnology and the transfer of genes from one particular plant or animal to another, and basically it's involved around the plant business, that technology is only developed in the basic ways in the laboratories. To make it work, to make it profitable for agriculture, not only in Nebraska, in the United States and in the world, it has to go through the greenhouse process to make sure that it works in real life. The greenhouses are part of this. They're not all of the picture but they're certainly part of this. If we're going to hamstring the future of Nebraska economically, let's do it this morning, this afternoon, whenever it is. Let's not support this, but I suggest that over the long term we cannot afford not to support the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. As I indicated in my opening, I have had times when I've not been comfortable with how the budget has been distributed among the campuses or entities in the university system.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: But this is a way, hopefully, to rectify a little bit and, yes, this amount of money will have to come from some other program. There is no free ride anywhere. I never have said that. But I think for the future it's something that we really need to do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, followed by Senator Withem, Senator Lamb and Senator Warner. Senator Moore, please.