

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. President and members, this particular issue is one of those that catches me in a quandary, being from rural Nebraska and like any...wanting to do what I can to benefit the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, I, obviously, would like to see something like this done. As I say that, I think there's a couple things the body needs to at least keep in mind as they make a decision on this. The first is the one that Senator Warner mentioned. If you didn't hear that, this was, you know, last year this was number 14A on the university's priority list and, to my recollection at least, I think we maybe funded four or five of those capital construction projects from that priority list, and, if I remember right, 14B was a situation in Mead that Senator Schmit championed, if I remember correctly. What makes this one that much more important than all of those? And one thing all of us need to answer to ourselves is what makes this particular request leapfrog over all the other ones? Something to think about. And I always sit here and say, you know, I'm always frustrated, it seems like I tend to vote against these type of things because I'm sitting there and saying, university, if everything is as bad as Senator Coordsen tries to convince us that it is, why on earth is it 14 on the priority list? If this is, you know, tantamount to ruination of the research at the Institution of Agriculture and Natural Resources, why on earth is it 14th on the priority list? Is it because it's one of those things they encourage us to try and fund it? I don't know. That's frustrating to me. And I think you ought to think about some of those other things, you know, why should this get special consideration? And that's the problem that I have is that, you know, I happen to don't think it should. There's a variety of things out there that if it's as bad as Senator Coordsen has me believing it is, it's something the university should have taken care of a long time ago. And I won't go back into the arguments we had last year about, you know, what is the problem with the skin on the greenhouses? And then was it...at least the university's point of view was that it was not shoddy construction back in the seventies, it was done right, it's just that it's served it's time. I think that's a question I think that we still have to answer is, you know, why is it...you know, once again it was a misjudgment on what type of skin to put on there. I think we...I think that's a fair argument for those to make. The last question that I'm grappling with is this goes on the overall concept of the biennial budget and what is the emergency about this particular thing? This greenhouse is something that I agree with Senator Coordsen needs to be done