

SENATOR COORDSEN: Uh-huh.

SENATOR LYNCH: Could I ask you, you know, how something...it's happened so often that the requests from some agencies of the university get to the floor of the Legislature when, in fact, they haven't been successful through the appropriations process. Can you help us by telling me who brought you the issue from the university or...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...maybe it was somebody else besides them.

SENATOR COORDSEN: That is something, I guess, I have neglected to mention.

SENATOR LYNCH: Okay.

SENATOR COORDSEN: No, this wasn't brought to me by the university, nor by the people that work at the east campus. There are a group of supporters of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources called the Ag Builders, all representatives of agriculture and agribusiness and this is where the request was brought from.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yeah, I appreciate that. In fact, Senator Coordsen, I think two people representing that group called on me. You have heard this before and I will just say it again for you. You know, it's interesting that we can call it what we want to but that 75 to 80 million dollars that sits in the bank every day that's in the name of the university, if you want to call it Cash Funds, if you want to call it reserve, I don't really care what it is but if it's really important to fix the roof, I would like to humbly suggest that there probably are resources at the university to do that. And I know we have heard over and over again if we can't spend that money, boy, I wish I was in a business or some business that would provide me not just the 75 million at the university but about the billion dollars we have floating around on a day to day basis in the state. So it's a matter of priorities. If the Ag Builders want this, it's not the university, it's not the professors, it's not the researchers, but apparently it's the Ag Builders and I think we should know the difference. And this is the kind of a resource we use to justify a million dollars worth of spending, I guess. I have to show some concern about it. But if you've