

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members, I, too, had a chance to hear Mr. Yeutter speak on Friday of this last week and he did mention in his speech, as I have heard several times, about the money that is going to be poured into research for agriculture in the future. And I am not opposed to that in any way, shape or form, but, as the Secretary and I think the administration and members of Congress have all been pushing for the cuts in target prices and in loan rates and to do away with our former reserve program and pour less money into those programs and more into research, I'm often wondering, in my own mind, who is the research actually going to be for then? As you do away with some of these income support programs, who is going to be left out there to farm? We can do all the research we want but if you don't have people out there on the farms who are working, who are making a living off of farming and not off of research projects, I don't know who the research is going to actually benefit other than the institutions and the employees of those institutions who are doing the research. Maybe it's just a vent of my frustration with current administration policies on the farm program but I'm all for doing a research that needs to be done and I think it's important for the future of agriculture that we do that but we can't lose sight of the fact that there are an awful lot of people who depend on those farm programs to support their incomes in agriculture and all the research in the world won't help them survive. So I'm supporting...I supported Senator Coordsen's amendment the other day, I will do it again, but I hope we don't lose sight of the fact that there is more to this issue than simply pouring more money into research.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, just a couple of things. I wasn't going to get involved with this but with the Moore-Lamb exchange I felt a need to make some comments also. The first one was I would agree with Senator Lamb that it's probably not appropriate to call Senator Lamb, Howard...or Senator Moore, Howard Lamb, Jr., that Senator Moore is not nearly the big spender that Senator Lamb has become here in the last couple of years. Scott is much, much more conservative than that. The other point again was probably made better than I can make it by Senator Warner but just to hammer that point one more time, what we are doing here, what was...is exactly