

for agriculture that we, as the citizenry, hold. I am a farmer. I don't make any pretense of being anything else but if I have to establish priorities in my operation, and I've got a \$100 to spend, and I need a tire on the front of the tractor to go to the field and make some money or I want lace curtains in the bedroom because they look nice and give me comforting thoughts, at my age that's all you get (laughter)...lost the tenor of that argument, didn't I? But, quite frankly, a lot of people in the university in real life are not able to see clearly enough the priorities in their existence and there are times when we need to engage in an effort like we have this morning or this afternoon and indicate to those powers that be that they need to reassess their priorities, that if they don't have enough money to go around, maybe they'd better put a new roof on the house rather than buy a new car. We all have to make those choices. Sometimes we make them well, sometimes we make them not so well. And we get advice and this is an issue where the body of the Legislature should be giving advice to the Board of Regents and the other decision-makers as to how they should establish their priority list. I think this is important. I think all of us that are familiar with Nebraska would feel that it was critical. Thirty years ago the price of corn was about what it is today and yet all of us have a much higher standard of living, basically because of the tremendous technological progress that has been made both in machinery and in plant breeding and in animal science. Those things don't happen automatically. If the university is not able to establish their priorities, then we should help give them guidance. Yes, we don't have enough money for everyone's wishes. I don't have enough money for what I want. None of the rest of you have quite enough for everything that you might want. I would encourage the inclusion of this \$900,000 to finish renovating the 22 greenhouses,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...a project to which we have already committed \$1 million which will do 11 or 12, leaving 10 to be finished. What 40 percent of the research is not critical? What 40 percent of our economy don't we want to move? What 40 percent of the research don't we want to move from the laboratory to the field? Or do we want to avail ourselves of every tool available? I would move for the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of