

bill will do for the State of Nebraska. Well, ladies and gentlemen, the commodity business itself is of such a size that a one cent increase in the price of our commodities equals \$9 million of new money for the State of Nebraska. A dollar puts \$900 million into this economy, and the livestock industry runs into the billions. The basic research and development that is done to assist that industry is done at Mead. They are operating now out of a 45-year-old surplus building built at the ordinance plant. There isn't any doubt in anyone's mind, who has been out there to view the facility, but that the facility is needed. There isn't any doubt in anyone's mind when we bring visitors to that operation that we need to be somewhat embarrassed because of the inadequacy of the facilities. I recognize that we already added, I think Senator Warner has said somewhere around \$4 million to this bill and I am concerned as the next person about that factor. I am more concerned about the entire total budget that we have spent. But I would just suggest that as you would review the declining receipts that have come into the State of Nebraska, partly as a result of some of the bills we have passed here, partly as a result of the declining of the economy and partially as a result of the drought we had last year, that it might not be a bad idea to invest some money in the only system which creates new wealth in Nebraska and that's agriculture. I don't want to take issue with Senator Scofield and her uranium business out in the western end, or Senator Owen Elmer and his oil business, or Senator Morrissey, but those oil wells are a drop in the bucket when compared with the income from agriculture. I know that there are those here who agree with me. I know that all of you, all of you share my concern about the spending we are doing and the priorities we have established but there is a very real need here and, ladies and gentlemen, I would like to request that you approve this amendment for \$190,000 for a project that will cost a total of 2.8 million that has been scaled down from 4.1 million originally. So I would hope that you would give it some support. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and members, I rise to assist Senator Schmit in his endeavor. As I mentioned yesterday, this is the particular project that was actually higher on the priority than the greenhouses this body approved yesterday. If you remember, those were 14th on the university's priority list last year. This is number 13. And I think, as the members of