

the body, however, more than 25 votes there were for that issue yesterday, you know, I don't know how you...when people ask you what your criteria is for spending money, as I think most people do, they feel why do you spend money on this if your criteria, obviously, for the greenhouses was that it was good for agriculture, it was something being requested, the Board of Regents were screwed up when they made their...made it that low on their request list and we think it's more important than that, and we're going to leapfrog over several things. You know, what is the criteria for the greenhouses? What is the criteria for Mead? And they're exactly the same. Fortunately, or unfortunately for Senator Schmit, I voted no on the greenhouses so I'll vote no on this, but I would think the other 24 members that voted yes yesterday certainly to...I know I'm making an argument of foolish consistency but they should certainly support this \$190,000 expenditure as well.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise to support Senator Schmit in this effort. Everything that supports agriculture fits together and certainly the Mead research area which provides a practical field application of the technology that's developed in the greenhouses and that comes in many cases from laboratory situations are all part of a milk stool that go together. I had the happy occasion just two weeks ago to see a newsletter that was put out by an international marketing group, the United States Feed Grain Council, describing the end results of some activities that had taken part...that had taken place in Mead. Mead, while it's primarily directed toward developing of crops and technologies for agriculture, is also engaged in the developing of technologies and assisting in export market development. The University of Nebraska, through the animal part of the Mead research facility, was instrumental in increasing our market potential in the Mideast, by a quantum leap, by conducting some feedlot short courses that I was involved in the formation of several years ago. I think that it is essential that we also include the facilities and the planning for those facilities in our strategic planning efforts on the part of the Legislature and I would encourage your support of this seed money for the capital construction at Mead. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner.