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not provide for the basic needs of agriculture in this state, it is going to be too late. We have had a couple of rains now and everyone is very optimistic.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: But I have said it many times that when the well goes dry, we are all going to wish we would have guarded the water supply. And when agriculture suffers in this state, eventually everyone is going to suffer from the man who raises the oats and gets \$2 a bushel for it to my good friend, Mike Harper, who takes that same bushel of oats and makes oatmeal out of it and sells it back to us for a considerably value-added price. And so I am not going to oppose you, Senator Hannibal. You will excuse me if I do not support you with enthusiasm.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lowell Johnson, followed by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: I rise in support of LB 1220. This addition proposed for the Eppley Hall of Science, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, is actually very crucial to the plans to develop a National Cancer Institute designated comprehensive cancer center at that institution. The Eppley Institute is, of course, already an NCI designated laboratory research center and, as such, is one of only 15 so designated in the entire United States, and a further worthy designation of it is, in fact, the only one between the Mississippi River and the West Coast of the United States. The establishment of the comprehensive center will allow the Medical Center to extend its laboratory research more quickly into the clinic facilities. In addition, it would be hoped for and will definitely portend faster cancer treatment and cancer control programs throughout the State of Nebraska. This is an exciting program and I urge your support for it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Back to Senator...some of Senator Schmit's comments got me to remembering the fight that Senator Schmit and I tried to bring to the Legislature about the cost of the renovation at the Medical Center which was like \$50 million. This 1.7 million, Senator Hannibal, if you would yield, has got nothing to do with that other \$50 million project. It deals with some other projects bonded elsewhere by