

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Senator Scofield, I had hoped when I saw the title on the bill that I would be able to support this bill of yours and it would at least be fifty-fifty, but now I find that we have a new building here masquerading in potatoes, under the cover of potatoes. And it would appear to me that, you know, this seed potato is going to grow to a very substantial size investment. Can you tell the body at this time how much money is eventually projected for this expenditure?

PRESIDENT: Were you through, sir?

SENATOR SCHMIT: No, I asked Senator Scofield a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield, would you respond, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: If they go to this, the 50,000 square feet figure, Senator Schmit, it could be \$3 million eventually.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, that's not too bad, around 3 million bucks. So we just spent \$5 million for fun and games. I suppose \$3 million for educational purposes ought not to be out of order. I guess I just...I wonder at the priorities of this body, and I'm not...I hope I'm not accused of being parochial when I find yesterday total lack of support for a facility that supports the entire agricultural sector of the state, I find no enthusiasm for that and I find only one negative vote for the Trailside Museum which is a \$5 million expenditure when we know we have declining revenues and an exploding property tax base and I find another \$3 million expenditure which is going to be probably expanded to five by the time that the actual work is done. Now if you think that won't happen, I recall the case with the medical facility. It started at 29, grew to 47. Yesterday we put another lump on it for 8.5 million into the medical facility. At some point in time, ladies and gentlemen, there needs to be someone that sits back and says, what are we doing? Now we say we have an expanded school body, an expanded student body. I recognize that Kearney is growing, but, ladies and gentlemen, you'd better figure out how you're going to support the institutions that you are building if you will not support the basic industry of Nebraska which is agriculture, and as I look at the people who have voted here in support of LB 898 and I'm sure 899 will have a similar strong vote, you don't really go out and build yourself a six-bedroom house unless you have the income to support it and we are doing that. We are doing it day after day after day. There comes a time, ladies