

899 and possibly even LB 1031. Anyone who doesn't see the similarity hasn't been here very long. I do not dispute some of the basic needs at Kearney. I do not dispute the really sincere efforts and the desires to build Trailside Museum. What I do dispute, ladies and gentlemen and members of the Appropriations Committee, is the manner in which you decide what is a priority. I don't know where this was on the priority list of the Board of Regents. I have no idea, no idea of where it was or will be, depending on what happens with the reorganization plan. I wonder, is there anyone from the Appropriations Committee who has ever been to Mead and has viewed the facility out there? I think maybe Senator Moore has. If you have, I'd like to have you comment on it and tell me how you would rank that facility in its adequacy to perform the responsibility that it is called upon to perform as opposed to these last two projects. I'm going to say again, I do not object to the construction, I object to the manner in which the bill has been handled. I think that it is not up front, and I think that if I were to try to strip a bill and add the Mead facility to it, there would be at least a dozen persons on their feet protesting what they call a facade (inaudible) by Schmit to slip that million to the process. I didn't hear what Senator Langford said, how she could get my vote. She's gotten my vote on a number of projects, she will get many more, but ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to say it again. I don't care how bad the need is, unless you can support the need you're going to be in serious trouble. I'm telling you right now that the economy is not growing as we had it growing a few years ago. The economy is in trouble. Unless interest rates are lowered and business can get back to making money and agriculture makes some money, you're going to be scrambling around here like a badger in a cornfield trying to find enough bucks to take care of these responsibilities. You're going to overbuild. The old adage about it ain't the original cost, it's the upkeep, well, ladies and gentlemen, that's exactly what we're doing. We have an enormous, an almost insatiable appetite to build and build and build. I wonder if we have the same ability to fill those facilities with properly paid faculty and properly equipped faculty to teach the children. One requires the other. We can build and build and build and we cannot support it some day, and I'm going to tell you right now we are not going to support it. You're going to find yourselves in dire straits and...

PRESIDENT: One minute.