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take advantage of a bill they no longer needed to provide for this money? I don't know when it became so apparent, but apparently the opportunity was there and we proceed. I'm going to say again, I like to spend money as well as anyone else and from time to time I guess I spend other people's money on this floor. But we are spending other people's money and I think we ought to look at it very carefully. It's kind of interesting that in view of all the reorganization procedures that are being proposed for the University of Nebraska and the state colleges, that it would be deemed imperative to build this structure at this time. If, in fact, LR 239 is approved and these companion bills, is it not possible that there will be some reorganization of responsibilities and priorities where perhaps that facility may not be needed, but it's a question that ought to be raised. It would appear that we are rushing pell-mell into this process here today to begin something because it may be the opportunity to do so now that might not be there under a new governing board. I am amazed, I am absolutely amazed at the thinking that prevails on this floor. You heard yesterday Governor Orr referred to her assessment of LB 1059. Ladies and gentlemen, I've not supported that bill, but I think there is more reason to support that kind of a bill than there is for us to continually support the capital construction procedures we are doing here in this instance. Senator Langford talks about how innovative they are. Ladies and gentlemen, it is being quite innovative to take a potato bill for 50,000 bucks and convert it to a \$30,000 study which will result in a \$3 million construction project and I will buy the treats, ladies and gentlemen, if it stays at \$3 million. You and I and everyone else on this floor know that it will not be \$3 million, it will be four or five or more if and when the project is ever completed. I think it is wrong. I think it is time to put on the brakes, slow down, look around a little bit. Maybe the committee is right. Maybe the body is right to reject the facility at Mead and force us to get along in that facility. But, ladies and gentlemen, I supported the greenhouse proposal because I believe that gives you the chance to increase the income which supports the rest of this infrastructure we have here. I believe the facility at Mead is important because it supports the basic industry of agriculture. And, ladies and gentlemen, without that, you're not going to need the facility at Kearney. It's too bad. It is too bad. I think the priority is wrong. I know the alignments are there.

PRESIDENT: One minute.