

year for planning money is, frankly as I mentioned last time, because of the fire. That really pointed out to us what jeopardy those Mammoths are in and how appropriate it is that we get after it and start planning to appropriately store those before we lose them. And I guess my concern about this, Senator Schmit, is that by Christmas-treeing onto this bill your project, which is a worthwhile project, nevertheless I don't think it can lay claim to the same emergency situation that we have at Trailside. And I would just hate to jeopardize that project and hate to jeopardize the planning that I think is so essential to move forward on this. I guess I would ask you to bring Mead back in. I respect your persistence, you're doing what you ought to do for your constituents. But in terms of other priorities, I guess I would respectfully ask you to withdraw the amendment, otherwise I'm going to have to oppose you, because my concern is this could just weigh this bill down to the point where we put off another year doing proper planning to preserve what is a one-of-a-kind find, frankly, in the world, which will give us an opportunity as legislators to start something in this state that I think we seldom get a chance to do, and that is I think the Trailside project is going to be something that we can all drive back proudly in our old age and say, I had a part of that. This is something special, it's good for education, it's good for teaching people about natural resources, and it's good for tourism in the state. And, so in a sense of fairness, I would ask you to move this forward and in a sense out of respect for our heritage and our history and the things we have there that we need to be responsible and start protecting, I would ask your support for Trailside and ask you not to do anything to jeopardize it at this critical stage. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Coordsen, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Very quickly, I raise...I rise to support the Schmit amendment. Senator Schmit went into great detail as to the need for this and the importance it has for the future of the State of Nebraska. But he mentioned one thing that I think needs to be expanded upon, and that is the changing situation in world trade. Agriculture, in the United States, has depended for its income, to a great extent, upon the export of our bulk farm commodities. Had the good pleasure, several years ago, of being in China, which at that time was an Asian nation about seven years into its restructuring of agriculture which evolved