

changing from the communal system of farming to one of individual leaseholders. And they were enjoying a 7 to 10 percent increase in production, which they were using to acquire hard currency to buy other things. Senator Schmit alluded to the changing conditions in central Europe. I would share with you that the countries of West Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, the southern regions of the Soviet Union are among the most productive areas of the world when it comes to agricultural production. When they change to individual operators, which they will, in their interest for economic growth they will see a tremendous increase in the amount of production of bulk agricultural commodities in those areas of the world, and unless we remain productive and low cost production in this country, we will not be able to compete on the world market. We will be importing into this country corn, barley, wheat, things that we would typically figure on exporting, because this area of the world needs to pay their...will pay their farmers in country soft currency, care not a whit what the world price might be, because they can sell for hard currency, which they can buy other manufactured goods needed in their country and reestablish their industrial dominance. So everything works together. This particular project, though it's not on the front burner I think for any of the members of the body, except the few of us that are aware of the importance, is something that we need to begin to move forward and appropriate the planning money for. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Kristensen is announcing the presence of 28 high school students from Red Cloud High School in our south balcony with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you, we're glad to have you visiting this morning. Additional discussion on the Schmit amendment to LB 898. Senator Moore, followed by Senators Weihing and Johnson.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, yes, Mr. Speaker and members. I rise in neutral support, I guess, of Senator Schmit's amendment. I only want to remind the body once again of the situation we have on these sort of requests on capital construction at the university, and how the body has behaved in the last two weeks when it comes to funding these things. The first one, the greenhouses that we have funded in LB 1031 and moved across last night. The greenhouses were below the Mead reconstruction on the board of regents list. It also included \$400,000 to buy a museum out in Kearney, in 1031, something that was on no one's