

possible to get there. With the distance of 460 some miles as to where the...that is the funds that are de...within this 898 that Senator Scofield has had designated, it is not often that we can get the attention that has been gotten through Senator Scofield. And the need, and as I spoke on this before, the need, we need to have that presence in western Nebraska to bring the state together. The one major issue in my mind on coming to this body is to help bring the state totally together. And there needs to be presence of a magnitude that helps bring that together. And I certainly don't want to jeopardize the funds that have been allocated to have the museum study made. And, therefore, it is very difficult for me to have to say I would ask you not to support this for fear of that jeopardy. And it's very hard from a personal standpoint. Dr. Warren Saws has been the head of Mead ever since its creation. We've been very close both personally, and my youngest son is named after him. It's hard for me to say this, but there is another year, and the university should come to the recognition that it should take care of this and give it support, either within its budget or on this floor. It's only a little piece of the university that is giving it that support now. And, Senator Schmit, it is with regret...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WEIHING: ...that we have not had this before. I feel that it would bring about the possibility of not getting the funds, which I feel are needed for that study to be made in western Nebraska. I thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Rod Johnson, followed by Senators Elmer and Scofield.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, I don't want to get in between a fight between Senator Scofield and Senator Schmit, but I'm going to speak on the merits of both of these proposals, because I support both of them. I heard Secretary Yeutter, the Director of Agriculture in this United States, speak out in Grand Island or Kearney, pardon me, a couple of weeks ago. And he was commenting that quite a bit of the focus of the new farm bill is going to be on research. I think he mentioned the figure of \$500 million that would be spent for agricultural research. And Senator Coordsen has already talked about some of the research that will keep us competitive with the world. I see the things that we'd like to see done in the agricultural