

money. The building at Mead, I believe, will help to do that. I'm not doing this for my constituents, Senator Scofield. My constituents are minuscule in this area. There are a few of them, I suppose, who live there. I could name ten of them who live and work there. I'm doing it for all of the people of the State of Nebraska who depend upon a prosperous agriculture. Now, I understand and I share your concern and I share and join with you in the criticism of the university system which has downgraded agriculture and has chosen to place on a very low priority. That is also what has happened at the national level, agriculture has been taken for granted at the national level. It is not an accident, ladies and gentlemen, that we enjoy the lowest cost food supply of any nation in the world, it is because people who had vision and foresight worked on it to make it possible. If you're going to continue to enjoy that, you're going to have to continue to do the kind of research that is done at Mead. It is natural that those items which come to us easily be taken for granted. It is natural that we think we are entitled to a healthy, wholesome, low cost supply of food. But, ladies and gentlemen, that is not what the facts are. It is natural that those of you who have particular projects in your own area to take precedence argue for them.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: This, ladies and gentlemen, is for all of the people of the State of Nebraska. I could care less if it were at Mead or any place else, it happens to be at Mead, but it is for the people of the State of Nebraska that I speak here today. Senator John Weihing said the university should come back in here. Senator Weihing, you know the university will not come in with this. Agriculture has long since been relegated to the back door at the university. If the people of the Legislature do not express their position and their support for it, do not expect the professors at the university to express their support for this project. It means nothing to most of them, because only a very few of them will ever set foot on the Mead facility. Ladies and gentlemen, vote your conscience and your convictions, that's all I ask. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Schmit amendment to LB 898. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the amendment to 898. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Schmit.