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it provide for 50% teaching equivalent factor in that area. The \$36,095 is to provide for the removal of the temporary classification of the teaching of crop sciences. It is an agronomy course in field crop production. It is an important course and for two years has been considered a part time kind of a position. I think that all of us recognize the importance of that factor. The \$37,000 item which is the largest provides for increased operational support for existing staff at the school in Curtis. All of us are aware of that institution. The present budget calls for a 3% inflation factor, and I think that anyone in this body knows that there have been greater inflationary cost increases than that. The same thing is true in the operational area. Anyone who operates a business himself understands that those factors are minimal and I believe that these factors are well documented. There are \$7,000 of that \$37,000 that is required to cover the higher cost of heating additional class rooms and labs that are now under construction. In the \$18,000 that I have included for the Conservation and Survey Division all of us are aware that increased work loads are being placed upon the Conservation and Survey division as result of increased interest in water and soils. I think that is a very minimal amount of money and I think that it should be included. That \$8,000 that is provided for the Water and Resources Institute and we placed some money in that area the other day and I think that we need some money here. I believe that it is well documented and a minimal amount. I would like to add one comment. The idea has been advanced here several times that these items may not have been high on the priority list of the University of Nebraska. I want to point out something that disturbs me greatly. That is that it is impressive to me that Agricultural areas are rated very far down the line in so far as the University of Nebraska priority list is concerned. I would consider this a part of the practice of the University personnel who list the priorities knowing full well that those of us who recognize the importance of Agriculture to the state of Nebraska will stand on the floor and place those items before you as supplements to the budget. I resent the fact that perhaps it is a bit of deception on the part of the University people and staff. I think that it is imperative upon the budget committee to start out when the University comes before them with their proposals as to why items such as this should be down graded so far. None of need to argue the relative of merits or merit proposals that have been advanced here today or suggested for consideration. I would suggest that somewhere, some how you need to raise the taxes to support state government and support the very many proposals that are advanced here and there is only one place to get them from basically in Nebraska and that is agriculture and I move the bill be returned for your consideration.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richard Lewis.