

it is a project that is worth our consideration. We've come this far. We've expended almost a half a million dollars in state tax dollars to bring us to this point and I think it would be a shame if we would in fact pull out at a point when we have come to this crossroads. Quite frankly it is a crossroad because I have a feeling that if this body rejects this effort in LB 204 that quite frankly the project may well be over and it is going to be very difficult to muster enough support to see this project completed another year. There are always going to be needs. There are always going to be commitments toward other programs and dollars will always be short. I'm sure most of you read the Lincoln Star this morning, the fact that we are lagging behind in revenues receipts and so that causes me to be equally concerned that if we do not commit ourselves to this project this year that quite frankly we may never find the dollars and cents to support a program of veterinary science here in Nebraska with a cooperative venture or a preclinical venture with another state and their vet school. So I would ask you that quite frankly it is a project that I feel needs to be completed. I support it on the concept that agriculture in the state is still a very important industry. I know we've heard speeches about diversity. I recognize that.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: But you have to recognize that we also have a very strong industry in agriculture and livestock industry and I hope that you will support LB 204.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Morehead, please.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, it's sort of ironic that I'm following Senator Johnson. I do reiterate what he just pointed out in his speech that diversity is important for our state and I want to again emphasize what I said yesterday, that not all good things from agriculture, for agriculture necessarily come from what we would consider as obvious investments in agricultural products. I pointed out to you the high tech research that is being done at the University of Nebraska. One of the things that has come out of that research is a type of fiberfill board that uses corn stalks and soybean silage in producing this. This was not a product of our East Campus if you would in fact or our animal science research, but it certainly has magnificent implications for our agricultural community. So when you're