

people, operates in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, and I have been there, an operation that is designed to manufacture or to develop manufacturing processes, develop fertilizer manufacturing processes. That that outfit at Muscle Shoals, that installation, as spelled out in the resolution, is responsible for the vast majority of commercial fertilizer procedures and for patents that are used by the farmers of this nation. Because of the budget cuts that are being proposed right now, that facility is in danger of being completely closed down. In light of the fact that Nebraska, as an agricultural state, relies so heavily on the use of the technology developed at this particular facility, it seemed appropriate to us that we bring to this body this resolution asking the federal government to reconsider in their budget deliberations the elimination of a facility of this nature that is so much needed for the fertilizer industry and for the agricultural industry across this nation but particularly here in Nebraska. With that I would ask for the adoption of this resolution, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Harris, please.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I rise to support the resolution. There are some things that need to be done by government and some things that are for the overall public good and welfare even in tight budgetary times. I think we need to keep this in mind as the Nebraska budget cutting goes on and things get a little bit tighter, this is one that we need to keep going, we need to send the message. We are a public power state, we do benefit from the research and development done in this area and have over a long period of time. We should send this message to Congress and to the President, to the general public that we support this concept. I urge the adoption of the resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, did you wish to close? The question is the adoption of LR 285. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please vote on the resolution. We will move on. Thank you. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of LR 285, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The resolution is adopted. LR 289.