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Supreme Court, are all subsidized by the state for the use of a special group, and the majority of the people do not use the courts or the law libraries, but it is subsidized by the state. Also I would like to call to the attention of this body that back in 1967 we assumed the University of Omaha and made it the University of Omaha of Nebraska. In 1967 they had 8,700 students and they had a budget of \$7,400,000. Ten years later they had 15,000 students and a budget of \$31,000,000. This is approximately a two and a half percent increase and I believe this is subsidizing an industry. This is basically subsidizing and trying to help the urban or the farmers with the grasshoppers. Eighty-five percent of the students that go to the University of Omaha are from Omaha. Fifteen percent are from other parts of the state. Possibly this would be greater for outstate students if they had dormitories which they don't have. I have been told that if I stand up and make this little talk and refer to these two things that I will be starting an urban-rural split. Far be it from me to start a split. I don't think I could start one because it is already there. But the only thing I am trying to show is that we are asking for a million dollars. We gave some factions much much more than that, and it is a subsidy. So it does not embarrass me to stand up here and point these things out because I am not angry. We are doing it. We are subsidizing it. But I just wanted to point out to you, fellow legislators, that if the grasshoppers are a threat this year and there is less beef, who is going to suffer? The people in the cities, and the poor and aged, because the price of beef is going to go up and up and up. That is another thing I want you to think about. We can't help it that this is a disaster. It just comes along and wipes us out. So I would like to ask the support of this body, and the way Senator Koch is smiling I am afraid of what he is going to say. I am going to ask the support of this body that you do add a million dollars to the budget for the grasshopper program. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now, Senator Nichol, do you want to amend his amendment, or....

SENATOR NICHOL: No, Mr. Chairman, I would think the right thing to do and you may wish to consult with Senator Warner, would be to act on this amendment first and see if we even need the other one.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Well, okay, I will check and....Senator Kelly, you want to speak to the Haberman amendment? Senator Goodrich, you want to speak to the Haberman amendment? Okay,

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