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feel it also. Businesses will be going out of business shortly and people will be looking for work. So I am going to ask unanimous consent to withdraw this amendment, pointing out again that the budget for the agricultural sector of the State of Nebraska has been cut seriously and severely, and I would like to ask the press to do a little research of their own and find out just how serious that cut has been, and then point out that I intend to offer some substantial amendments reducing appropriations in other areas in line with what we are doing here. I do not think this is the time to be expanding the area of capital construction, and I do not think this is the time to be taking on any new responsibilities, and therefore, I believe that we should look at all portions of the budget with the same close scrutiny the Appropriations Committee gave the monitoring activities of the Weed Control Division of the Department of Agriculture. It is kind of interesting that we saw to increase substantially the Educational TV budget, I think by about two-thirds of a million dollars. Now I am not opposed to education and everybody ought to have a little, but I think that when we seek to increase an appropriation by that amount for a function which many of us consider to be perhaps not necessarily positive, certainly not mandatory, then we can look at some of the other appropriations in an equally close vein, and I intend to do so. So, Mr. President, with the permission of the body I withdraw this amendment and ask that it not be considered.

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