

Legislature pays the contract claim, and in the future if NIFA was to default in some manner, in some way, on its obligations. I think the point simply is that the state, the State of Nebraska, has permitted in the past a number of institutions to be created which are not governmental agencies, but if we should now for reasons known only to ourselves to adopt the reasoning of the Commonwealth claimants in this case, the state might very well in the future be subjected to that same type of argument, and I share this with the members of the Legislature because it is a real concern to me. It should very well be a real concern to this Legislature. I have a fear that we may be establishing a very bad precedent.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Howard Lamb, and then Senator Sieck.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I think Senator Barrett has outlined the objections to this bill in a very orderly manner, that perhaps there is some reason to vote for the \$8.5 million, although really not a real compelling reason for that, but the \$20 million or the extra \$12 million certainly has not been...the reasons for that have not been good. Now we have had circulated on our desks today an article from the paper which says typical southeast Nebraska farmers drop \$15,000 into the red. There has been a lot of rhetoric on this floor about the plight of agriculture, a lot of rhetoric on the floor and from the Governor's Office about the plight of agriculture, and we have a Lincoln Senator that circulated this and he has repeatedly professed his sympathy for the plight of agriculture, but what out of this session, what has benefited agriculture out of this session? Is there one thing? I can't think what it was or what it is or what it will be? Not one thing. From the Governor's Office, we have had a lot of expressions of sympathy, a lot of expressions of sympathy, and I think there was a proposal floated to establish a bank, you know, \$50 million a year in a bank for low interest loans. What has happened? Didn't hear any more about that proposal after the first day. Haven't heard anything concrete from the Governor's Office in regard to agriculture, not one thing, and I don't think there is anything on this floor of the Legislature. But now