

already indicated, number one, this would provide a center for advanced studies in food animal science at the Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center. It would provide clinical training opportunities for Nebraska veterinary medicine students and also provide veterinary service and support for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the U.S.D.A facility in Clay Center. And a second part, a Food Processing, Transportation and Marketing Center with facilities at UN-L in the university's research station in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. The center would provide research in the areas of food processing, transportation and marketing systems. The projects would be a tremendous long-term investment to enhance our Nebraska cattle production and a way to identify unmet food market needs and fill them with Nebraska products. Many have stated, and I agree, that this is an unusually attractive window of opportunity for Nebraska. The state needs these projects. They are worthy projects. They are needed in the fabric of rural and economic development for the 1980s and the 1990s. The state can really deserve them and agriculture deserves the encouragement and investment provided therein. I certainly urge the advancement of LB 1038. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Rupp, then Senator Vickers.

SENATOR RUPP: A question of Senator Rod Johnson, please, if he'd respond. Senator Johnson, either Senator Johnson I guess, Senator Lowell Johnson might be able to respond to this. I can understand the concept of the food processing institute, but I guess, could either one of you give me a 30 second overview on the nuts and bolts on exactly what the food processing institute is supposed to do, its goal and function and how it would work?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Senator Rupp, I believe maybe Senator Johnson or Senator Warner, since the bill was sponsored by principally Senator Lowell Johnson, he might be better able to answer than I.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Senator Rupp, I think that it is basically a method by which our University of Nebraska and the great source of talent and data that will be available out there to help us develop markets for the products of Nebraska.