

might not be quite what those of us expect. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, then Senator Lundy.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, I will also support LB 1038, but with some concerns as been already expressed by others. I stood here on the floor about four months ago and asked us to reinsert money for the Food Processing Center that had been cut in the budget, a lot of concern about what was happening and I asked that that money be replaced and restored because the Food Processing Center was important in Nebraska. I didn't do so well. I cannot remember how many votes I got, but I did not get enough to get that money back in. I was very disappointed in that and so was another fellow by the name Lowell Satterlee who worked over there at the Food Processing Center and shortly thereafter resigned and is going to take a position in Pennsylvania. I don't know why at this point a building which will cost many millions of dollars has got so much enthusiasm when just a few months ago the actual program did not. We were actually talking about doing the things that we'd like to get done in food processing. We couldn't seem to find the ability to fund that program, but now we're able to find the monies, the millions, to build the building. I am saying as others have said, you can't have a building without people. You can't have a name on that building without a program to actually make it do something and I strongly support the effort in food processing. I supported the program, support the problem we had last year and I'll support in the future, but any of us that think that you can build this building will solve our food processing problems without building a program to meet the needs of this state is wrong and that's an ongoing commitment, a long-term commitment and we have to recognize that there is some cost involved, but it is a cost that I see as an investment with a high return. The value added to a return of food processing is the greatest of anything we could do in this state. Agriculture is our base, but food processing makes the most money for us. It is where the return on our investment could be the greatest. We haven't done enough in the area. So I am saying let's go forward with the building, but let's also go forward with the program. Let's think about what we can be doing in the area of food processing that will make us the leader in this nation in terms of food processing and that will mean some cost, but