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SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the body, I don't like to make a nuisance of myself. I just want to point out something that I think is overdue to be said. This is the sort of apple pie and motherhood bill which we all, I suppose, are forced to support. It is unethical, it is immoral, it is unAmerican almost to vote against it. The facts are that we are going to embark upon a procedure here which will entail the spending of millions of dollars. I commend Congresswoman Smith for getting the money sent back to Nebraska to be used for some other purpose once we disengaged ourselves from the veterinary school situation. But I want to remind you of some of the things that were said on the floor earlier, that once we embark upon this kind of construction program we are taking those steps which entail the spending of additional dollars. There will be a time when the Revenue Committee will have to find some money to provide for the staffing, provide for the heating and the air conditioning, et cetera, of the facilities we are going to build. The Appropriations committee will be coming to us and saying, all right, you built it, you took that step and, therefore, now you are committed to the additional costs that go with it. It is like building a six-bedroom house and then complaining about the air conditioning cost. You really shouldn't do that if you go this route. I want to say one or two other things. There are some good arguments for the proposals in 1038. We have heard many people talk about how we're going to develop food processing, how we're going to engage upon this kind of activity, and we're going to make cornflakes in Nebraska, as a fellow said this morning, instead of shipping out the corn, and we're going to process the meat. I suggest we are doing that already. I've not heard from the proponents of this bill exactly what they intend to do with it. I have suggested some other alternatives for the use of this money. And I have not been met with overwhelming support. But I would suggest that if we expect LB 1038 to answer the problems of agriculture that you are going to be sadly mistaken. It is not that it is a bad idea. It may be a good idea, especially if we had the money and this was a period of booming, prosperous times. But I do not believe that you are going to get the kind of results from this project that you think you will. You are going to create another entity which is going to have to be taken care of, protected, guided, directed, et cetera, et cetera. One of these days