probably should have. They have some concerns about...in terms of salaries, in terms of commitments by this state, and they have some concerns in terms of the fact that their morale is not all that great. I specifically asked them if they were in any way concerned about the fact that we might not have enough money to provide the salaries, we might not have enough money to provide the operational needs, and yet we were finding money, we were finding money for brick and mortar. Now, that is fine. I'm not going to oppose 1038. I didn't oppose it on General File. I don't intend to oppose it now we're on Final Reading. But I do think that as a matter of the record, and not necessarily for those of us that are in this body, but those that are to come and those entities that are outside of here, had better be well aware of the direction that they are starting us. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, I will make my comments very brief. I think that this is a tremendous opportunity for the State of Nebraska and agriculture to step forward into the twenty-first century and begin to look at ways of diversifying agriculture that we have not had, or opportunities that we have not had in the past. I think it is a good faith attempt, by many people, including our Congresswoman Smith and the university people, to try and develop an area that I think is one that we are going to have to draw upon in this state many more times in the future. I think this is a good opportunity for us to take a look at what we can do to put value into the products that we are raising in this state. And I think that LB 1038 will do that. I think also that it is important for us to recognize, as the previous two speakers have indicated, that there is more cost involved in this program than just the actual brick and mortar, that we are going to have to make a long-term commitment to this enterprise. And I think this body is willing and ready to do that. But we have to remember where our priorities are at. I think certainly this could be one of the priorities that we are going to have to continue to keep in front if we expect agriculture to rebound in some way or another. I think that 1038 is one that should be adopted this year. Of course, next year we'll have to wrestle with the idea of where we're going to come up with the funding to keep the staff and to keep the people working out there, to make sure that we are adding