

some value added products to the State of Nebraska. So, with that, I would certainly urge this body to advance the bill to Final Reading. Hopefully, we can get this issue passed this year.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Miller.

SENATOR MILLER: Mr. President and members, I did take the time to take a tour of the university to see what was actually going on out there, to see what the need was, to see if, in fact, we were starting a new program or if we were developing a program. I was quite surprised. We have a program, a nucleus of a program going on out there, but it is located in basements. I had to duck to go through a few doors. I walked into a couple of rooms, one specifically where there were four people working, and I didn't have to have a loudspeaker to talk to them. In fact, I don't think they needed a heater in the room because they could radiate enough heat for energy. We have a program, a nucleus of a program going out there. We have equipment. We have people working on projects. I was quite impressed by the use of the faculty there and their seemingly radiating hope and enthusiasm for the projects that they were working on. I talked with one doctor who was working on a protein that was...had to do with the tenderness protein in meat that he thought maybe was carried hereditary...with breeding, is a better way to say it. Thank you, Landis, you thought of a better word. But these programs and these machines that they have out there are presently working. It is not that we are going to buy all new machinery. We are going to replace some machinery that was there when I was in college and I thought was obsolete when I was there. We have...there is more to developing a new product than coming up with the idea of the product. There is the problem of getting it marketed. I think marketing probably is more important than actually the development of the product. We have started, in this process of development of new products, a marketing system that is not found anywhere in any other type of university, where other universities are calling Nebraska and asking for information. They are putting it on computer so you can come in and find the potential for a certain product. When this body votes on this it is not as if we are starting something absolutely new. We are developing bricks and mortar, spending money for bricks and mortar to house, I think adequately, and to expand as it grows, a system that has already begun out