

least a 25 percent cut. It seems to me that that's an inappropriate amount. The amendment that I am offering to you would take \$245,000, reallocate it from Central Administration over to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and then under that amount the \$1 million at the Institute of Natural Resources is already included in their allocation for Curtis. So that's where the \$1,245,000 comes from. This does not take money away from any of the Institute of Natural Resources. It doesn't take money away from the city campus. What it does do is it reallocates some funds, as I indicated, from Central Administration. Now let me tell you that it would be my preference, it would be my preference if I thought that it stood a chance to do it, to just put in \$1.2 million of new money because I think that higher education is an asset to this state and that we'd ought to consider it an asset and we'd ought to continue to make sure that we have those programs in place that we're going to need when the economy does turn around again. But my sense is that we're not ready in this body to do that. So this is not new money. We're not, I'm not including new money. I'm simply reallocating some of the funds that are already there. Again, I want to emphasize that because of the concern of many people, that the need for technical training in the field of agriculture is going to continue to grow and that the need for cooperative programs is going to continue to grow if we don't at least assure that that program is going to continue to be available, then I don't think we can effectively meet that cooperative goal that we have set out for ourselves. So this...I would ask for the adoption of this amendment to include this intent language in LB 1251. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Landis is next, but may I announce there is some goodies over here under the south balcony that you may help yourself to, compliments of Senator Pirsch, so those of you who feel a little hungry this morning, over under the north balcony. Senator Warner, please. Senator Landis turned his light off. Senator Warner, then Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd rise to oppose the amendment. One of the things that we do from time to time is earmark, in effect, within an appropriation, funds for a specific purpose. Inevitably when we do that, that means we're cutting something else, but we do not know what it may be. In this particular case