

they are offering for the agriculture and transition program. Because of losses anticipated from the federal funding, there is going to be an almost impossible situation to continue to offer the services that have been offered for those people who have been forced, through no fault of their own, to have to be retrained and to move into a different line of occupation. Now there is a lot of trauma going on across the State of Nebraska right now. And I know there is a lot of people in this body and a lot of people across this state that are saying we ought not spend any more monies at the state level, we ought to be holding the line on budgets, we ought not increase taxes at all. And I agree that we ought to hold the line on budgets. And I agree we ought to be very careful about how we increase any expenditures or any taxes. But I cannot allow this body to continue the elimination of programs, and then down the road, be it a month from now, be it six months from now, be it a year from now, or five years from now wake up to the fact that we've done some things and wonder why it happened. If you think it is important, if you think it is important to help those people make that transition, then it seems to me that we ought to put the funds there to help make that transition as painless as possible. You cannot make that transition painless. The transition is painful. But helping that transition, I think, is what the purpose of government is all about. Helping people who can no longer help themselves, it seems to me, is the basic principle of government. If we are going to ignore that, and I guess that we are, I guess we've begun the process at least of totally decimating some things. And I can tell you, and this has nothing to do perhaps with this issue, but I can tell you that when we started looking at funds for the University of Nebraska, and we start looking at that intent language that the Appropriations Committee so carefully put in there for \$50,000 even for a director, even for a director at the food processing center, and then totally ignores, and most of the members of that Appropriations Committee voted against an amendment to put intent language in to protect a whole campus, how the devil you can protect one position and ignore a whole campus and the results of what happens is beyond me, it is beyond me. I don't have any great chance of success with this amendment. If you don't care about what is going to happen then so be it. But at least face up to it, at least recognize what is going to happen. At least understand the results. You know if I decide I'm not going to buy any feed for the cows then I