

well, are going to be too willing to reallocate some of those federal funds that, by the way, don't grow in the cherry trees, to a state who has not made the commitment themselves. We say, I guess I am getting a little tired of hearing about how wonderful some of the programs are, how wonderful some of the things that happen are, but still we are not going to do anything, we are not going to provide the funds to keep them going. Now it seems to me that agriculture has taken their fair share and then some. Of course, I understand that. I look around this body and I know where the voting power is at. The fact is we have done away with funds for noxious weed control. We have done away with funds for predator control. We have done away with a number of the programs and dollars that go to the Department of Agriculture, and one more time, for those people who had been productive tax paying citizens of the State of Nebraska and now through no fault of their own are in a situation that hardly anybody in this body can understand, hardly anybody in this body can feel, hardly anybody in this body really knows the hurt that goes on when you are having to make the transformation from a lifetime in one occupation to another occupation, I don't think there is too many people in here that really know what it is like to go to the banker and the bank say, no, or to put up everything you own on the auction block and see it taken away from you, and those are the people we are dealing with. Now if we don't have enough compassion and if we don't think that government is important enough to provide a little bit of help that a \$150,000 would provide to help them make that transition, then I guess I think that the philosophy of this Legislature is not what the philosophy had ought to be in terms of what a government should do for its people. And, yes, if that means an increase in some revenue, as Senator Abboud pointed out, so be it. Those people have provided to the state and to the nation and, yeah, to the world through the export of food products across the world for years, and then when they need help, and I am telling you, they need help, it is time that I think that government ought to be there helping back, and to me that is a very clear issue. Now I understand there is a lot of you in here that will make your decisions totally based on the dollars and you could care less about philosophy. You could care less about the hurt that goes on, and you could care less about the fact that there are ways to help those people through that hurt. That is not the way it ought to be done. I plead with you to adopt the amendment, to assist those people, and I want to point out one other thing. A lot of the people who are out there providing these services are doing it as volunteer time. They are not getting paid any extra