

agriculture and Mr. Pursell and another young man by the name of Mr. German who are both employed by the University of Nebraska have said in effect, you shouldn't pay any attention, should not pay any attention to what is happening in agriculture because it is not really that important anymore to Nebraska. We can do without it. Now, Mr...I want to just suggest a few of gentlemen who come from the rural areas, take a little look at this. Go back to your district, Senator Johnson and Senator Baack and some of the other senators, and say, oh, yes, we voted for more money for the University of Nebraska because Mr. German and Mr. Pursell said it doesn't make any difference what happens in agriculture anymore. You're all washed up.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR SCHMIT: You're down the hill. You're over the fence. I think, Mr. President and members of this body, before you continue upon this charade, you ought to ask yourself where you are going and how you are going to respond to your constituents when that time comes. It's a very serious question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, then Senator Scofield.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, I have a great deal of respect for Senator Schmit and I know when he speaks he speaks sincerely and from his heart. I disagree with him on this point, however, that the University of Nebraska and the constituencies that you all represent will not support less than a 3 percent cut. I think you will find as you have a chance to talk among people across this state that there is a growing awareness of the importance of our University to our future. This has been something that has not always been the case. We haven't always recognized the University's role in our economic development and our future plans for our economy. That is starting to change this last year and the University has been a part of that change. They are developing a number of options, a Technical Assistance Center which I have sent around some material on. There is a Technical Development Association that has been formed that will help take ideas of the campus off campus and help them be developed into businesses in this state. There is a growing awareness that the University must contribute to our economy and that is coming from both the University's side and from