

everybody needs, for instance, I would suggest English and communications skills, I don't know of anybody at the moment who is out there making large lucrative checks doing consulting in those areas. There are a lot better opportunities in some other fields, chemistry probably and business and accounting and some of those areas, and those, from my perspective at least, are the people who are most likely to leave our institutions first. Coming from a farm area, I have to reiterate the concern that I have for that area and the empathy that I have for Senator Schmit's pleas for the farm area, and yet I think we have agreed in this body that we probably as a state simply don't have money enough to come in and undo what the federal government is doing. But there are some things we can do and that is protect our higher education system. I don't have any young farmers around me anymore who are attempting to farm without a lot more expertise and skill and managerial ability and high tech information than they ever had before and many more of those are coming back to the farm with a higher education, doing a better job. Times are going to get tougher I think for them before they get easier and every one of them that has the advantage of a little bit more education, I hope it will help them do better. I personally believe that it will. So there is no need to apologize as a representative from a rural area for your support of higher education and I might just point out one of the key components to successful agriculture, and I have gotten a lot of calls on this and I'm sure everybody else has in here, is the Extension Service. It has meant a lot to me and to my life as a person growing up in a rural area. I suspect it has meant a lot to all of the rest of you in here. And this gives me a good opportunity simply to reiterate Senator Hannibal's point that he made this morning and that is, the committee in no way accepts necessarily that list of cuts that the University brought to us and said, this is probably what we will do. We want that decision to be made in a much slower and more deliberate way and to consider the important contributions of a number of areas of the University before those cuts are made. So I would simply suggest to you that it's perfectly consistent to support education, if you're particularly interested about agriculture, for to not support agriculture is a lot like not planting the crop for next year. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, please. Then Senator Haberman.