

also has been in the press recently saying that agriculture is not important to this state. I'm offended by this letter that we received from Dr. Schwendiman. I'm offended by this letter. I hope you have read it. If you haven't, look through your mail and read it. He talks about "Chicken Little". He talks about myths. He has three myths listed. He says, "Just like in the story, Chicken Little has conceived the Ducky Daddles, the Foxy Loxies, the Turkey Lurkeys, the Goosie Pooxies and the Henny Pennys that the sky of Nebraska (read economy) is falling. The myth which these followers of Chicken Little are spreading should be confronted. It goes something like this." And here is three so-called myths. "The agricultural economy is in trouble." Now is that a myth? Is that a myth? Dr. Schwendiman says that is a myth. Number two, "Because the agricultural economy is in trouble, state tax revenues are declining." Is that a myth? I don't think that is a myth. Number three, "Because tax revenues are declining, state budgets must be cut." I don't think that's a myth. He goes on with his very learned letter here that is about six or eight pages long, but the essence of the thing is stated on the first page, that he believes agriculture is not important to this state and I certainly disagree. I'm very unhappy with this statement by a University official. So, we have this language which I hope you will adopt, which, as you know, does not bind the Regents. It is merely intent language of the Legislature that states that agriculture is important to the state and that the University should so recognize and fund accordingly. I hope you will adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Morehead, please.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I signed onto this amendment with Senator Lamb and I am proud indeed to have done so because to take a disproportionate cut from the Institute on East Campus was, in fact, a very good political lobbying move as far as I'm concerned. And I think that it was used just this way, but even if it was used that way, I think that we indeed would be remiss if we remained silent and did not speak out and express our opinions very strongly. Now, for those of you who don't know and I could have addressed this when speaking to the University, but I chose to now, we have the Institute in place just like the University and so many times on this legislative floor when we want to disseminate services to