

the people in the State of Nebraska or information, where do we turn first? We say, oh, the Extension Service is in place. They have the knowledge, they have the capability, they are in our communities from the most western part of Nebraska to the eastern part, from the north to the south, and so we say, let's use the Extension Service. Let's use those people who are knowledgeable to get the information and/or the help to the people in the State of Nebraska quickly and in a systematic form.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Morehead, excuse me. (Gavel). Ladies and gentlemen south of me, would you please hold it down. I can't even hear the speaker. Thank you, Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: And if you can't hear me, that's something. Thank you, Speaker. I know that this system on the Extension Services is a part of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources and to disable that delivery service would be disastrous for us. Now, we've used the word "disastrous" all of the time on the floor. If we cut this, it's disastrous to our economy, it's disastrous to the budget and it may be a trite bit overused, but I do think that it has been in place for a long time and needs to be supported. Now how else do we use it? Many of you don't know that the Extension Agents are also helping, not just the families, the rural families that are in stress, but they also help the poverty stricken, poverty level families. They go out and one on one work with these people. It's fine to put on our television tubes how you could be helped and where you could go for services, but when people need these services, often they need a guiding hand, a personal touch and the Extension Services offer that. Now what else do you find coming through the Institute? You will find that they are doing a lot of food processing and utilization of agricultural products studies and over and over again we have said we need to address the problem of using our agricultural products for dissemination on the marketplace directly, utilize them here, manufacture them here, process them here. Not too many months ago everybody was all excited about the "McRib", the fact that it had been developed at the University of Nebraska and was being marketed through McDonalds. I think this is one example. Maybe we have quickly forgotten that example. If you have, then I want to refresh your mind that this is the kind of product, this is the kind of marketing that comes through