

making cuts at all in their particular budgets. I don't know if that is the case but I can simply tell you that I am deeply concerned and opposed to some of the recommendations that are coming down and I am assuming that some of those permanent cuts that were on that University of Nebraska list, quite frankly, could come about. And I just simply want to reiterate my opposition to that as well as other senators who have indicated their support for this amendment. I don't know if we have got enough chance or enough votes in this body today to get this amendment passed, but I think it sends a good message, a starting point for when this budget gets going again next year and when the Board of Regents is considering potential cuts in their budgets in the future. It is an area that is sensitive to me and I am sure it is an area that is sensitive to others. I understand what Senator Warner and Senator Hannibal, Senator Carsten, have told us and they are all distinguished individuals in this body and have done a good job with the Appropriations Committee. I guess there are some areas that I still feel are priorities that are still areas in this state that I think we need to defend. Agriculture, no matter how much we want to push us into the Twenty-First Century, still is going to be a very viable part of the economy throughout the rest of this century and into the next one. And I don't think that we can simply ignore that or look away from it. And I hope that you will react to this amendment in a positive sense. I will turn the remainder portion of my time to Senator Schmit.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to reconsider the Lamb amendment...oh, excuse me, I thought...

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, Senator Johnson. I will be brief. I recognize that most of what needed to be said has perhaps been said, but I would just like to say that notwithstanding the comments of the Dean of the College of Business Administration, I still believe that agriculture is important in Nebraska. I believe it is important that we point out to those individuals who are responsible, principally the Board of Regents and the Administration of the University, that we feel certain parts of that system needs to be accentuated. I believe that we have seen many times that there ought to be economies in certain parts of government.

PRESIDENT: Thirty seconds.