

the university. The operating budget of the bureau is currently at 125,000 dollars. It has been funded temporarily through the chancellor's office. As of July 1, 1991, there will be no more funds available. What does the Bureau of Business Research do? One thing that supposedly it's going to do is work on the resolution for the tax study. What happens if the Bureau of Business Research is not funded? Probably the work on the resolution for the tax study will not take place, at least not with this group of people anyway. Likewise, the Business in Nebraska, the little pamphlet that you receive monthly will no longer exist. If the veto is not overridden, the bureau will not have funds to purchase data from federal agencies that are critical to the ability of the bureau to provide information to the citizens and businesses in Nebraska. The bureau has been here since 1922. The 75,000 dollars is operating expenses, not any expansion of services or staff. As I said before, we will no longer have Business in Nebraska, the pamphlet that you receive every month. The monthly publication has over 10,000 subscribers. The bureau is the state's primary center for professional, economic and business information and analysis. There is no duplication of these efforts at this time. This past year, the bureau worked with over 500 businesses. I urge you to override this veto. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President and members, I rise to oppose Senator Robinson's motion and urge the body to sustain this veto. I think some people don't...have not totally understood this. They feel this is the total budget for the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Nebraska, and that is not the case. It is just the operating budget. As a matter of fact, if you sustain this veto, there will still be 312,000 dollars in the Bureau of Business Research's budget in the university's budget. And many people have said, well, you need to do this to continue the Bureau of Business Research, and I would argue that you don't need to do this at all. Matter of fact, this is one of those little issues that sticks in my craw, that in recent years is one of those things that you've heard me, shall we say, chastise the university. This is an example of why, and I'll tell you the reason why. In the mid-eighties, when the university was forced to make some cuts because of some tight budget years in the State of Nebraska, this particular operating budget was something that was cut. And since that time, I think as Senator Robinson mentioned, the operating