

put it in. I am tired of that concept. I don't even oppose this amendment, although I will vote no to be consistent with what I have done to date in committee recommendations. I have a very suspicious mind that it was left out on the assumption that it would be added here, another \$30,000 that the Legislature recklessly spent over the Governor's recommendation.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Warner has fairly well provided the information that I had obtained from our Research staff. I had a veterinarian in my district, as you know I'm from Douglas County so it's not rural Nebraska, who contacted me about this particular appropriation. It was my understanding that this item was not included in the Department of Agriculture's budget. It, of course, was neither included in the Governor's or the Appropriation Committee's suggested amount to be funded. I do understand that it was by means of a letter request, and in that letter request it ranked fifth in the number of priorities of those eight that were requested in this wish list, so to speak. I would just say that I know that it's probably a very important item. It is one, I think, that could have been included in the original budget request, was not. It was in the wish list. It did rank as number five out of eight, so I certainly hope that you give this consideration when you vote on this particular issue. I think the items, that if they are of importance, at least should have been in the budget. We should not give a great deal of consideration to those that were added by letter of request at a later date. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues. I really hate being put in this kind of a spot. I think the veterinarians probably are justified in this request, and certainly probably need these funds. I think I'm going to be consistent too and not support them. I think that I'm going to take the advice and the direction of Mr. Krucher, and the Department of Agriculture, with his expertise, and with his knowledge, and as close as he is to the situation, he puts it down as number five out of eight priorities. I think that if he shifted his priorities and we cut the \$28,000 some place I'd go along with that concept. But I can't go along with a concept, I can't say that I know more about the veterinarian business than Mr. Krucher. I can't say that I know more about this budget than the Governor. I think if this is number five on the list that is the priority of the people with the expertise indicated that it has. I think that is where it ought to stay if those experts tell us that is where it should be. I think when my veterinarians continue to call me and ask me why I voted the way I did, I'll have to indicate I was following the direction of those people with the expertise, and they indicated that this was not a high priority item, and that they're the people that these people should talk to.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.