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LB 357

SENATOR VICKERS: But we definitely need to examine it, and that's the reason for this amendment and I would urge your support of it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we call on the next speaker, in the south balcony from Senator Hasebroock's district we welcome thirteen 8th graders, one teacher and three parents from Bishop Neumann School in Clarkson, Nebraska, Terry Brown is the 8th Grade teacher. Will you hold up your hands so we can see where you are? Okay. Senator Kremer, do you wish to speak to the Vickers amendment?

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I tried to listen very carefully to Senator Vickers' argument, and I would have to oppose the amendment that he is offering for several reasons. Number one, first of all, a lot of time, a lot of effort has been spent on the proposal as we now have it. This is a regional concept. Now, to go and attempt to negotiate with another state at this point I don't think it would be wise, we would not have the school that we think we need in this area that is heavily populated with livestock and will continue to be this. Now then to negotiate with another state we have no idea what the cost is going to be to get our students in these states like Iowa. So I don't think that cost enters in at this point. No one knows what's going to happen, but if we have a school in this area, in this region, and it's our school then we're going to have some kind of control of what the costs are going to be based on the appropriation we made for it. I think it would be unwise at this point after all the effort that's gone into the establishment of a regional veterinary school. I think it would be foolish at this point and I would have to oppose the proposed amendment to LB 357.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, there is an amendment to the Vickers amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell moves to amend the Vickers amendment to include the University of Kansas State, University of Minnesota and University of Missouri.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, if we're going to talk about a regional commission, the old west is a nice...a nice region. Nebraska is part of it,