

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate is not ceased. Senator Carsten, please. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, let's just look at the situation. People in here vote as they see fit. I certainly accept that. But we have a special situation with LB 204. We had a situation and this veterinary college has had a long and torturous history. There has been a lot of opposition. Everybody realizes that. Senator Vickers, from the beginning, and I hope Senator Vickers is listening. Senator Vickers, are you listening? Okay, you are listening. Senator Vickers has opposed the concept from the beginning. That certainly is his prerogative and I respect that. He's had a lot of support in his position. Now his position from the beginning, if I have it right and I believe I do, is almost...well exactly what we are talking about, some facilities in this state, but not a veterinary college, some facilities which will enhance, enhance the education that our veterinarians get from the colleges and other states. That has been his position from the beginning. So, since we did not get the cooperation of other states, the veterinary college project fell through, so it dropped back to his original proposition. We said, yes, okay, Tom, you were right, you were right, Tom. And so...then what was the next step? It was LB 204. Since this was Tom's, Senator Vickers' original proposal, carry the bill, carry the bill. He agreed to do that. But then what happened? He turned his back on that. See every step of the way, every step of the way he's put barricades in front of the bill. Now just a few minutes ago he got up here, and I know this kind of talk is counterproductive and I don't like it, but he got up here and he chastised a few members of the Appropriations Committee and others of us in regard to our vote on this. I resent that because we have our interests and we should be able to vote our interests without being chastised. I'm going to tell you about Tom, he came in here with a bill, but he wasn't sincere, he was not sincere. He brought that bill in so he could block the project, even though it was exactly the project he wanted from the beginning. So that is what Tom Vickers has done. I resent that. I don't think his integrity has been enhanced at all by his actions.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers.