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LB 357

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 357. Title read. The bill was read on January 16 of this year. It was referred to the Education Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by Senator Koch's Education Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 357. They are minor amendments. All they do is change a couple of words that had to do with the number of states that would join in this agreement and that is it and I ask for the adoption of the amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Education Committee amendments to LB 357. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the Ag and Environment Committee which introduced LB 357 is very strongly in support of the bill which will establish the principle that this University of Nebraska may, if it chooses, enter into agreements with at least two other states in the Old West Regional Commission to provide for the construction of a School of Veterinary Medicine. I would just like to say that I hope we do not even need the entire amount of time allocated to us this morning. Certainly the issue has been discussed and debated upon many different fronts by many different individuals, by many of us at various times over the past many years that I have been a member of this body. I rise here today in support of the concept and I want to say that at this time that there was a time that I did not support the concept of the construction of a new School of Veterinary Medicine. I want to point out, first of all, to you that over the years there have been some arguments and some substantial arguments and some good arguments as to why the State of Nebraska did not need a School of Veterinary Medicine. The principal argument that we heard many, many times was that it was more economical for the State of Nebraska to contract with neighboring schools to provide those services. The other argument was that the State of Nebraska did not at the present time suffer from a shortage of