

of work on the part of professional people or to experience high death losses. Let's remind ourselves that sending our students, our vet students to other states, is not going to remain at a static level and the costs are going to go up in other states and we do not know what it is going to cost us. Senator Koch told us how much it costs us now to send our vet students to other states but that will not remain there we can be assured unless inflation as we know it today is curbed to a great extent. I could give you a lots of figures. We could talk about a lot of things but what we need to really look at is the bill itself. Turn to page 3 and note, section 5, the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska shall not enter into any agreements or contracts pursuant to this act until it has been established to the satisfaction of such Board of Regents that federal funds will be available in an amount sufficient to at least pay fifty percent. We have an opportunity here to take advantage of federal funds that may be available. Now if the federal government was not aware that we need a vet school here, can you imagine that they would fund fifty percent of it but the bill says it hinges on that very thing. Now look at section 6, this act shall become operative only, note the work "only", upon approval of the conditions set forth in this act by the Legislatures of the three of the five states listed in section 1 of this act and shall be binding upon the State of Nebraska only, again, if it is fully complied with by such participating states. We are protected all the way. It would be foolish for Nebraska today not to pass this bill. It would certainly be discouraging to any other state. One more statement, Senator Koch said the Governor of South Dakota said no. If he did, he said it in a qualified way because some of us were up there and we talked about the Mandan line and I asked some of the Senators, is it a dead issue in South Dakota and they said certainly it is not. We just did not submit a bill this year. We still are interested and we are just hanging out there to see what is going to happen. I think by all means we ought to pass this bill and then take a look at it and see what develops from here on out.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we proceed, it is my pleasure to introduce in the South balcony from Senator Murphy's District 25 tenth grade students from Newcastle School, Newcastle, Nebraska, Tom Judkins, the teacher. Where are you located? Would you hold up your hands so we can say good morning to you? Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I rise generally in support of this bill this morning. This