

sible in this regard and I really believe the fiscal responsibility in this instance would indicate that this idea be rejected. Let me go over some of the facts and I will try not to repeat some of the things that were said by others. First of all, I don't believe that the need has really been demonstrated for the vet school for an increase in the number of veterinarians. Senator Murphy quoted the Arthur Little report and just to add to that, I might say that that report concluded a possible fifteen to twenty percent surplus of veterinarians by 1990. Okay, that was done by veterinarians and so perhaps you are discounting that some in your own mind which would make some sense. However, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare also did a study and they agreed that there would be a surplus, not as large as the veterinarians had indicated, but again the conclusion was that there would be a surplus. So there were no studies done that indicated that there was a shortage. There were a few isolated examples given to the Education Committee of shortages but nothing to my mind that indicated an action, the action that we are considering today. In addition I want to point out again that if this veterinary college is built, the number of student allotments to Nebraska is such that we would have no more veterinarians than we have now by educating them in another state. In other words, we are sending as many students, substantially as many students out state now for education as we would have in our veterinary college once it was built and so I fail to see how the supply of veterinarians is going to be increased at all. It was mentioned that our supply, our out state contracts are threatened and yet there is no substantial evidence of that either. In fact, Senator Vickers, I believe, got a letter from Iowa indicating that they would like to expand their program and their contacts with us, and if I could, Mr. Speaker, I would like to concede a few moments to Senator Vickers to have him explain what that letter indicated.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, you have one minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members of this body, I would hope that some of you have looked at the letter that was distributed this morning. We had information the other day that Senator Maresh had visited with Wisconsin. I had an opportunity to visit with the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine of Iowa State, and as a result of that visit, he did write me a letter and you have all got copies of that letter. Similar to Senator Beutler, I also serve on the Education Committee but a little different than Senator Beutler perhaps because I have got deep interest in