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SENATOR DeCAMP: If I may make one little statement first. I suspect I will offer them at some later date. They have to do with the voluntary contributions aspect. I told Senator Vicker or Senator Kahle and Senator Maresh I would not raise information and activity on this legislation at this time until I had consulted with them and had obtained additional information. So I ask to withdraw them.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The request from Senator Schmit is approved, hearing no objection. The request from Senator DeCamp to withdraw his amendment. I hear no objection so it is so ordered. Now, Senator Schmit, you have five minutes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I know that there are many good arguments and I don't disagree with some of those offered by my good friend, Senator Murphy, Senator Beutler and some of the rest of them. Fiscal responsibility is a responsibility of all of us. It touches not only upon the School of Veterinary Medicine, it touches upon every other single aspect that we deal with in this Legislature. I would hope that the same degree of concern regarding fiscal responsibility on other issues, other projects is voiced at the time that those issues come before this body. I want to point out that this Ag and Environment Committee of which I have been Chairman for about eight years now has sought many times to try to place additional students in other schools. In fact, the Legislature did appropriate \$225,000 to send students to Pennsylvania State and to Cornell. Unfortunately because of the nature of those schools, they were unable to complete those contracts. Also we must point out that the livestock industry in the eastern part of the United States is much different than it is in this part of the United States here in the midwest region. I want to say that Governor Exon when he was Governor of this state instigated the program of cooperation with the Old West Regional Schools. At the present time he is a member of the United States Senate. Those federal funds which we speak of in this bill must come from the federal government and Senator Exon is in a prime position to see to it that we get our share of those federal funds. I want to say that there are many arguments and good ones that can be advanced of putting opposition to the construction of this school on a purely cost basis. The same thing could have been said relative to the school, to the construction of the Law School. I don't think anyone can deny that there are, in fact, at this time a surplus of lawyers, not necessarily in this body, although once in awhile I am inclined to believe so but I would suggest that we could have argued