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SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, and my good friend, former good friend, Senator Newell, you know Senator Newell if you want to filibuster you should at least do like some of the rest of us do from time to time write down your notes so you can stick on the subject. When you have to ramble around into the medical school and other areas to find enough material to talk against the vet school bill I think you're stretching the point a little ways. If you want to talk about filibuster the same tactic can be used on any other bill before this body. Senator Maresh's amendment deals with all of the things that have been dealt with in your amendment to the Hoagland amendment, and to the Vickers amendment, I mean. I think that Senator Vickers failed to recognize the fact that for ten years I have tried to deal with the state of Iowa. The only time they get reasonable is when we talk about building a school of medicine, and I know that that comes as a shock to some of you fellows here, but you're going to find that's true around here all the time. I got awfully reasonable this morning after...about speeding, after the trooper pulled me over to the side and stopped me, but up until that time I wasn't worried, and I think the same thing is true here. I think we've gone down this road many, many times. We ought to go down it again, and again and again. Either you're for a school or you're not for one. Either you're for the expenditure or you're not for it. The same people who are so concerned about the cost, about the various problems that might develop in the school construction, etc., etc., have no problem whatsoever with voting for hundreds of millions of dollars for all kinds of other programs.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have three minutes left.

SENATOR SCHMIT: The Nebraska livestock industry is a two billion dollar plus industry. Now you can milk the cow about twice a day, but you kill the cow and you're plum dead, and I would just like to caution some of you people who have been getting the milk off the cow for the last eighty days. The cow is going to lay down and die one of these days if you're not careful. Now this is not a threat to retaliate or anything else. This is just plain ordinary courtesy. We have these bills up here for thirty minutes a day. If you're convinced the bill is a bad bill, vote against the bill. If you're convinced it's not good I have no quarrel with that, but at least stick to the issue and vote on the issue and don't try to use a tactic which can be used against you by someone who