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LB 357

CLERK: 22 ayes, 18 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion lost. Before we proceed in the South balcony it is my privilege to introduce from Senator Kennedy's District 21 fourth grade students, 1 teacher, four parents from Christ Lutheran Elementary School, Norfolk, Nebraska and Helen Janke is the fourth grade instructor. Will you hold up your hands so we can see where you are? Good morning. Senator Kremer, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and members, of course I oppose the kill motion on LB 357 for a number of reasons. I spoke of this before and I say it again. This bill actually does nothing positive at this point. We can't afford to kill this bill at this time. If we support the bill it is going to give us the income to have a look at federal funds that may be available and I still am persuaded that they will be. I cannot understand why everytime that we want a facility out at the East Campus that relates to agriculture, our great agriculture state, there is always opposition. Nebraska is an agriculture state. Nebraska is a livestock state and we owe it to our young people that are interested in livestock enterprise including our veterinarians and young people who want to go into this practice, if we do nothing else, we at least do them a favor by giving them a school in the vicinity. Now talk about the other states that do have a vet school and the possibility of our students being admitted there. If I am not mistaken, I could be, but if I am not mistaken every one of these schools have a one year limitation. They can cut us off any one year that they want. I do not know that there is a long term contract of any kind. Our students today have a distinct disadvantage when they make an application to another state. Each one of these states, I have been able to learn, have a different kind of a vet program and our young people that wish to take this kind of training and education do not know how to prepare. It is a distinct disadvantage. If we keep this bill alive I think we will be able to prove to you, and we are not saying we need a lot more vets, but I do think that we need to think about a school in this area, in this vicinity, and I have the feeling that other states, other than the two that have now gone on record through a legislative action, are going to come in with us and I think we can do nothing but improve our educational facility in the State of Nebraska, our University, by adding a vet school. I want to repeat. This is an agriculture state. This is a livestock state and I think we owe it to our young people.