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LB 357

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a second motion on the bill. Senator Beutler moves to return LB 357 to Select File for specific amendment. The amendment would read as follows: Read Beutler amendment as found on page 2261 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this amendment is a more moderate proposal than what was proposed last time. You may recall last time I suggested that the state's contribution be limited to \$3.2 million. This time all we are saying is that let's collect the three million dollars that the stockgrowers and others have said that they are willing to contribute to this college in order to keep the cost of the college down if we are going to build this structure. It seems to me that this would be a reasonable contribution on their part. In part I wanted to go back at this time though and relate to you just a couple of bits of information that I got last week up in North Dakota where we were meeting for the purpose of organizing the conference, the five state conference up there. There were representatives from Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana at that conference. At that conference contrary to what was indicated to you earlier, Wyoming has put the kibosh on the vet college. They are no longer interested in it so there is one of the five states that we were interested in. South Dakota has not committed, however, they did mention that the number of vets that they were training right now totaled eight. You are talking about eight vets from that state. So you can see the extent to what their interest will probably be so that brings it down to three states at best and it seems to me that when you are bringing it down to three states like that the operating costs from the point of view of Nebraska are going to go up fifty or sixty percent and again our costs are increasing tremendously on what is it seems to me a dubious proposition to begin with. The conference up there decided that in all probability one of the points of discussion at the upcoming conference in Helena, Montana would be the vet school proposition. Obviously there is great interest in it but there were serious reservations expressed by a couple of the people at that conference and it is my impression, and Senator Clark may have a different impression, but it is my definite impression that there is a great deal of doubt in those states about the need for this veterinarian college. In light of that doubt and in light of the need for further discussion, in light of the fact that Wisconsin may proceed