

situation now would open the floodgates to a number of proposals such as this one to change the referencing on the floor of the Legislature. I think that would diminish the standing of the committee and I want to compliment the committee on their very fine attendance at the Reference Committee hearings and this has been very gratifying. But to get to the case in point, as you know, Dr. Rodgers makes the reference reports to submit to the Reference Committee and in the case of LB 245 his original recommendation was that it be referred to Appropriations. There was a motion in the Reference Committee to refer it to Education rather than to Appropriations. During the discussion Dr. Rodgers was asked what his second choice he thought should be if it was not referred to Appropriations. He indicated it was Agriculture since it is directly related to Agriculture. The motion then was amended by one of the other members to strike Education and insert Agriculture and Environment Committee. That motion carried, or that amendment carried and then a motion was adopted by the group. Certainly we try to look at historical placement of bills but this is a bill which many of us believe was misreferenced last year and I see no reason to reference a bill where it was last time because of the fact that a mistake in my opinion was made at that point. I think it really deserves to be in Agriculture. It is strictly related to Agriculture and I would ask you to vote to leave it where the Reference Committee has placed it in the Agriculture Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, I did serve on the Education Committee the first four years...the only four years I have been here and I will say that Senator Koch has been always fair in allowing the testimony and taking care of the committee's actions on it. I do think that....I have always thought that probably Agriculture was the place it should have been in the first place. I guess we should not make the mistake of thinking that this is just a reference of a bill, because I think there is more to it than that and this is a sink or swim situation. I think what we are going to be voting on right now will determine perhaps what happens to the vet school this year, or any year for that matter. I guess the reason I support it going to the Ag Committee at this time is the fact that at this very moment the agricultural community of our state is probably as united as it has ever been. I don't know of a single farm organization that is not supporting the building of a vet school and at the same time they are also raising