

some funds which has never happened to my knowledge, at least, in the State of Nebraska. It looks as though there will be \$2 million raised to help support and build the vet school. So what we are saying is that we the farmers and agricultural people that we would be letting those folks down if we do not do everything in our power to get that...keep that bill within the agricultural realm at the moment. Now you are all going to have a chance if it does get out of committee to vote later as to whether we have a vet school in Nebraska or not. In my own estimation, if we fail this year to get the funding and get it started, none of us, at least in my age group, will ever see a vet school in Nebraska. I think this is our last chance, our sink or swim chance. So, therefore, I hope that you will allow this bill to be heard in the Ag Committee and if you are not completely sold on a vet school, you will have plenty of time later to vote no. So vote yes to keep it in the Ag Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell and then Senator Vickers.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, you know it is always interesting when we have these referencing arguments because there is always some precedent for this or some precedent for that and we look at these issues very objectively, never subjectively, never with the thought in mind that we are concerned more about whether the bill comes out than whether or not it was properly referred. You know one of the problems we have when we make decisions based on whether or not a bill will come out of that committee as opposed to whether or not it is properly referred is that we have these problems with the committee structure. I think that if we are going to use committees, and I have heard a lot of arguments on this floor, the arguments that we ought not have bill limitation, we ought to kill bills in the committee, that the committees ought to work, and Senator Schmit, I recall, made these arguments not long ago on the floor. He said, let's keep it honest, the committees can do their jobs and they should do their jobs and, therefore, we don't need to make arbitrary limitations on the number of bills we introduce, we don't need to do this, we don't need to do that, because the committee system will work. Well, the committee system can't work and won't work if we continue to make referencing decisions based on whether or not the bill will come out of the committee as we want instead of whether or not that is in fact the appropriate place for this bill to be. Now historically this bill has gone to Education. Maybe, in fact,