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Unicameral, a question of Senator Lamb, please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb, do you yield?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Lamb, did you make the statement that the bill belongs in Agriculture because it relates to agriculture?

SENATOR LAMB: That is my own personal opinion.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Did you also make the statement that the Reference Committee used past history in placing this bill in Agriculture?

SENATOR LAMB: The Reference Committee uses past history. It uses also subject matter in determining where the bills are referred.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you very much.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and members of the Nebraska Legislature, I am on the Education Committee. I have also been on the Agriculture Committee. I suppose I could go either way here. However, all of us are aware that not only this bill but many bills that have come before us could be referenced to several committees. This one in particular could go to Agriculture, it could go to Education, it could go to Appropriations. However, the Reference Committee saw fit for some reasons I may not know to go this direction this year. I oppose the motion to rereferring the bill because it does have a relationship with Agriculture just as well as Education, and that is where it is. I, with several of the other members of this Legislature, were in on the early study of this issue of a regional veterinary college. In the early days we did not know where it would be established. We attended several hearings and discussions. I believe Senator Kahle was there. Senator Lamb was there. There was a strong indication of a number of the other states in the old West that this is something that ought to be considered. I do know that out there these other states, some were reluctant to make any positive move at this time but I assure you that I believe, and I may be wrong, and I have been before, but I believe that once Nebraska takes the step that we are going to get others to follow, and if I did not think that this was the best for the livestock industry in the State of Nebraska and agriculture, which again I emphasize is the foundation of our economy,