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it does not refer to the appropriation, only to the obligation. I believe that it is very clear to us that once the money is appropriated that we must make some kind of an obligation. I think, however, it is equally clear, as I pointed out earlier, the University is not going to get themselves in a crack spending \$1,300,000 of money for a project which does not have full federal approval, and I am afraid that Senator Beutler's amendment, although conservative as I am, might have some appeal to me does not give to the federal government the clear signal that Nebraska is willing to make a definite commitment. I would therefore have to oppose Senator Beutler's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I rise in opposition to Senator Beutler's amendment. I can well appreciate what Senator Beutler's concern is. However, the time has come when Nebraska is going to have to display some leadership. There are those of us in the Legislature that were in on the planning for a Regional Vet College from its very beginning, Senator Kahle, Senator Lamb, and we felt at that time that Nebraska was rather fortunate that the other states in the Old West region picked Nebraska, and there were a number of reasons. We won't have time to go into them. As time went on we met in other states, in Montana, for example, and they said there was one note that was predominant as this proposed Vet College was discussed was this, since Nebraska has been designated as the state in the Old West region as the place that we would build the College, if it were to be built, it was this, Nebraska is going to have to take some leadership and there is no way that we have demonstrated in the past that we have taken that leadership. I have been convinced and I am concerned about spending the money. Are we spending it well and properly that we are doing this? But until such time that Nebraska takes the lead and demonstrates to these other states as well as other states not in the Old West region they do have an interest in building a college in an area where livestock production and the livestock enterprise is predominant here in the Midwest. And I firmly believe that once we take that step of leadership, we are going to get the support from other states in the Old West and other states in the western part of the country that is looking for a place to send their students for veterinary medical training. Therefore, Senator Beutler, I rise to oppose your amendment because I think it demonstrates that we are not willing to take the leadership by