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prudent. If, in fact, we are going ahead with this \$30 million proposition, if, in fact, the private money comes and the private money isn't there, and if, in fact, the states will appropriate their dollars to Nebraska, as I am sure we would be very willing to appropriate money for South Dakota or Wyoming, if those contingencies happen, then the project maybe is justified to fly. But to say we are going to go ahead and appropriate \$1,300,000 without any assurances that these things may or may not happen, to me is not prudent and very reckless, so I strongly urge the support of Senator Beutler's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Speaker and members, I also rise to support the Beutler amendment and I'm a little bit at a loss to understand the problem that the proponents of LB 245 have with it, except for the fact that I understand what is going on. We might as well forget about discussing the merits of a Vet College, because that is really not what we are discussing here today. We are discussing an end run. 357 of two years ago was in complete support of the livestock industry. Suddenly they don't like 357. Suddenly they are not willing to abide by the provisions of 357 and I would like to read a couple of those provisions. We are told that we have to put dollars in the program in order to get it started. I think the philosophy is that money operates like a magnet and that state dollars will draw federal dollars. I don't happen to think that is true. One of the provisions of LB 357, and it is in the statutes, 85-180.04, says that during the planning, development and operational phases each participating state shall pay its share of the operating cost based on the number of students from each participating state. Planning, development and operational phases, suddenly they don't want to wait for the other states for planning and development. The State of Nebraska should do it itself. It also says the proponents indicate that we have to do something to show our good faith. One of the other provisions of 357 indicated, and it is under 85-180.06, says that if the conditions set forth in the above sections are met in the Legislatures of 3 out of 5 states listed in those sections, and it says it shall be binding upon the State of Nebraska. Shall be binding on the State of Nebraska, I think we have made a commitment. It is in our statutes. We have committed, provided we get the federal dollars, a commitment from the federal government, and from at least two other states. I am willing to go ahead with