

given to me by the vet college proponents. The highest number they said would be Nebraska's students. I took that and I translated it into a percentage figure and I said that that shall be the highest number of Nebraska students. It is done for a very simple, but important reason. Because unless you say what percentage of the students will be Nebraska students, then it would be the prerogative of the Board of Regents, if they so chose, to say that 60-70-100% of the students would be Nebraska students. Once you allow them to say that then all of those construction moneys that we were counting on from participating states will just go up in the wind. Because all of the students will be ours and it will be our obligation to pay all of the construction money. So, I'm just asking you to adopt a safeguard that would insure, at least if you are not going to charge them for the construction cost at least you get some students in there paying some operating costs. Just having the students there doesn't insure that they pay part of the construction costs, as I explained through my last amendment. But at least if 50% of them are students from other states, at least we are getting some money in for operating costs. Hopefully I think make a strong argument for getting money back from them for construction costs too. So, I'm asking you to enact one more safeguard which is absolutely essential, otherwise we have put no fiscal controls again, on even the operating costs associated with this veterinary college. You will have passed out to you, if it has not already been passed out to you, Wisconsin's experience with operating costs. They went far, far above the original projections, doubled them. That can happen to us too. Nobody has a good handle on operating costs. But at least lets have some students there from other states that are going to pay part of the operating costs. This is something real minimal, lets get out of this. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to oppose this amendment. Isn't this something? Here we are telling our own students, our own students from Nebraska that you can not represent over 50% of those students. I think that is terrible. If we are going to do it with the vet school, why not do it with the whole university system. Why don't we do it in our state colleges, why don't we do it in our tech colleges. I think what Senator Beutler is trying to do, in fact I know what he is trying to do, he is trying to kill the bill and I guess that is all right too if he has enough votes to do it. Let me remind this body that livestock is big business in Nebraska. In fact it is the largest one.