

control the number of students that could be in a class. I know we do it in some other areas but this, we are starting, this is a start, a new endeavor, and we don't know how many students are going to come. We don't know what the industry is going to need by the time this facility is finished. The increase in the production of livestock is considerable in Nebraska and I passed out some things yesterday from the article that you just honored my son for being involved in and in the little square it says, "Nebraska has also steadily increased its importance as a pig producer and its share of the nation's pig crop from 4½% in 1958, 5½% in 1969 and 6½% in 1979. Nebraska is now more important nationally as a pig producer than as a calf producer. 6½% of the nation's pig crop as compared to 5½% of the nation's calf crop", and I am certainly not trying to belittle the cattle industry because their numbers are still a great lot more than the pork industry but we don't know what is going to happen in Nebraska in the next ten years, twenty years, what have you. With the water we have under us, even though we are crying shortage, we have more than most anybody else, the development of the livestock industry is certainly going to increase and perhaps the problems are also going to increase with it so we are going to need those veterinarians. So I think it is foolish to try to put a cap on the amount of students. We don't know how many we are going to need. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, as you well know, I do not support the idea of a vet college. If we insist upon this folly, which we might call "Schmit's Folly" or someone else like we did Alaska, although that turned out a little better than we thought it did historically, we had better make certain that if we are going to put it in place that we are going to guarantee a certain number of positions. Senator Beutler's amendment sounds as though we are limiting but I doubt that we will ever get that amount. In fact the studies we have conducted in the Education Committee indicate to us that there are more seats available in existing institutions who are fully accredited than we will ever be able to supply. Under any case, we build a vet college, the most students we will take in a freshman class will be somewhere around eighty-five, yet with declining enrollments, and obviously you are not going to listen because your mind is made up and nobody should ever confuse you with facts, with declining enrollments, the facts are that Wisconsin has stopped the building of a vet college because they are wise enough to know that all the vet colleges in this nation, there are about twenty-four of them, are going to be seeking students. Yet we say to the Regents, find ways to spend your dollars to