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spend them more wisely, and we have got standing colleges right now in the university system that are suffering. Get some of my letters, where students are junior standing in Business College and saying they cannot enroll to get the courses they need for graduating because they have a shortage of faculty, because they just can't take them until next year. These things are going on right now in the university system. For us to add a vet college at this time I believe is absolutely irresponsible. We passed LB 357 two years ago and that bill supposedly was going to take care of the desire for a vet college and that was contingent upon several things happening, federal dollars, and two other states of the Old Regional to join us. I guess what we ought to do, Senator Clark, since we have a large campus out in your area, if we pursue this folly, we should put the vet college at the Sidney campus and we will make something new out of rubble and we can justify it because it will be closer to Wyoming, to South and North Dakota, Montana, in terms of where we are going to try to get the students, and for your information, last year South Dakota sent three students to vet college. So I suggest that we ought to adopt Senator Beutler's amendment and make sure that we go through with this issue that at least half of the students, and no more than that, will be Nebraska students and I assure you for the next ten years you will be out hunting the streets to try to get that many students to fill it. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch, was that an amendment to the amendment to put it at Sidney?

SENATOR KOCH: That will be later on, Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler, do you want to close on your amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, again I want to repeat, if this fifty percent limitation is adopted, that will mean that the total number of Nebraska students that can be educated at the Regional School would be fifty percent higher than the number that we are educating today. We are educating about a hundred today. Presumably that is all that we need to educate. I don't know of any limitation on those funds in particular but somebody has made a decision that that is the number that we need to educate today. Given all the veterinary schools that are presently opening up, a strong argument can be made that no regional school here is necessary at all but a much stronger argument can be made that certainly the number of Nebraska students that we need to educate is not going to increase