

don't see, in my opinion, where this \$30 million expenditure in that much in that way is going to enhance agriculture in this state. The thing we are talking about, specifically, are veterinarians and there has not been demonstrated from anyone, from anyone supporting this bill, that there is a shortage of veterinarians in the State of Nebraska today. There is no shortage and it hasn't even been suggested that in the future there will be a shortage of veterinarians. So why in the world, why in the world would we take scarce precious resources and throw them into an area where we do not have a need and where there is no shortage. It just doesn't make sense to me. Yes, those pioneers did come over here under undue pressures and undue sacrifices. There is no question about that, and, yes, they did build a marvelous State Capitol Building, and, yes, they went ahead with a University that we can be proud of, but the fact of the matter is they did not squander funds in doing either. This building was built and paid for as it was built. This state did not go into debt when it built this building. Now why are we talking about the private contributions right now? Because we didn't bring up the contributions. The proponents of this bill to make it saleable because they knew, in fact, that the bill by itself was not saleable, the \$30 million expenditure, try to make it more palatable to us by sugar coating it with \$2 million of private money and another \$16 million, \$17 million of federal grants. It is the only way they could make it sell. It is the only way they can make it sail. Also in my opinion, the \$2 million was supposed to indicate a tremendous grassroots support from agricultural people across this state to build this \$30 million veterinary school. Well, I don't know how long they have had to raise this money. I know that four hundred, five hundred thousand, if that is the figure, is twenty-five percent of the goal. I have not heard from anybody the cutoff date as to when the goal is to be achieved. Maybe for all I know they have done a tremendous job but maybe that support out there in the hinterlands isn't quite as burning and strong as the support in the rotunda. So I think the kind of assurances, the kind of, as Senator Schmit said, nit picking that Senator Beutler is asking for through these amendments are prudent, are proper, are good business. I don't think anybody in this room would conduct their personal business affairs on these promises, on this pie in the sky, on these things and good things that might come down the pike. So I don't see this, and I am opposed to the school because I think our University is suffering right now. In fact, it was just two or three or four years ago we were talking about cutting some colleges out and maybe we should have and I am one that would have supported that. We were talking about dentistry at one time. We were talking about