

was any advantage in having your own veterinary college in your own state. Every one of them spoke up and said, it certainly is an advantage to have a veterinary college in your own state. There are a number of reasons. In the past, of course, one of the reasons has been that they have been able to get federal funding for many of the projects and programs that they have. Nebraska has received very little, if any, of this funding. We also look at disease a little bit different in different states. For instance, right now the pork industry is looking at the eradication of pseudorabies in Nebraska, rather than living with it and vaccinating and not knowing whether it is being carried from one hog farm to another while Iowa has a different outlook on this whole thing. I just read an article in one of the national magazines where the federal veterinarians are saying that the states should carry on their own program. Nebraska right now has about a 6% infection of pseudorabies. If we don't do something about it it is going to grow instead of get smaller. We could eradicate it at this time instead of propagating it, promoting it with vaccination as perhaps Iowa intends to do. So there is a difference and as far as costs are concerned, if we took the entire Vickers plan that I heard about and hooked up with perhaps Iowa State and had two satellites in Nebraska, the cost is not going to be less. The cost is going to be more. That is a program that we will probably look at if this other fails and I would be willing to look at it. I think we need to have some input in Nebraska if we are going to send our students out of state but we are not going to save any money with that program and we are certainly going to have a whole lot more effect of what goes on in Nebraska if the school is built in Nebraska to say nothing of all the funds we sent out for those students for at least the three years they are going to be in another state. So the savings is the minimal thing. You are talking millions of dollars. We are going to spend that money anyhow. It just depends on where you are going to spend it. Are you going to spend it here or over there, whether you are going to have some input or whether you are not, whether we are going to have our own program in Nebraska or whether we are not? It is that simple. I hope you will support the amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, just a brief comment. I don't think anybody thinks that this state will have a veterinary college all to its very own self, that the costs are too high and this was indicated as Senator Vickers pointed out in LB 357 which was passed previously. However, I would point out that neither Senator Vickers nor Senator Beutler supported that bill and now the