

by January 1, 1983, then it says, it directs the University of Nebraska to enter into negotiations with an existing School of Veterinary Medicine with the idea being that we can have two teaching clinics in the State of Nebraska in conjunction with the existing diagnostic facilities that we have in this state to provide the research and referral services that I believe the livestock industry needs. It will also give the students going through those clinics the opportunity to become involved and aware of Nebraska. As I envision this, I see the first three years of the program being conducted in the other school in the other state, the fourth year being a sharing arrangement of the two states. The fourth year program is when most of these young people make their decisions as to where they are going to set up practice so if they can have them become aware of North Platte, Nebraska, in the Sandhills, the cow-calf industry in that state, I think it is a real possibility we will get more large animal practitioners out in that area. It would also give Nebraska control over the curriculum and the admissions through a regional agreement that it doesn't have right now with the contracting agreement. Some people seem to think that it is fine for us to have a regional school here, that there is a lot of benefits to be derived by South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming or whoever comes in with us. If there are benefits for those other states with a regional agreement with Nebraska, I am suggesting there is some benefits for Nebraska with a regional agreement with another school if we can't get the others to do what we said we were going to do two years ago. I would also remind you that the proponents have indicated, and I guess I like to consider myself as a proponent for the livestock industry in trying to get something done, but they have indicated that if we have our own school we can train individuals towards large animal practice. Well, that is fine. I don't know how you are going to get around the admissions, however. If the grade point is there, I don't care if they come from the middle of Omaha, it is going to be pretty difficult to tell someone with a grade point of 4 in the middle of Omaha that they can't get in with somebody with 3.5 from Farnam, Nebraska, that has been around livestock all their life can. The way that it is done is to expose them to large animals as much as possible through their clinical experience. All veterinarians have basically the same training. There is no such thing as a specialty in veterinary medicine, not until you get your DVM degree and then go on, but the fourth year program where you are sharing arrangements in teaching clinics and would expose them more to the livestock industry of the State of Nebraska, would, in fact, lean them toward large animal practice it seems to me. It would also, as Senator Kahle mentioned, there are some