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diseases that ravage the livestock industry in the State of Nebraska. That is true but I don't particularly care where the research is done on that disease as long as the incidence is being picked up in the teaching clinic and then sent back to wherever the research is done. In other words, if we have a certain disease that we are seeing an awful lot of in North Platte, Nebraska, through this teaching clinic, I am sure the research is going to be done on that disease. There are no diseases that are necessarily "unique" to the state. We do have some pretty good existing facilities out here at the Veterinary Science Department. We have got an individual out there right now that has got a grant doing research on lung water and respiratory problems, interstitial pneumonia. I have vistied with that individual and I asked him what he needed the most. Are the facilities adequate? What do you need the most? He indicated to me that what he needed the most was backup help. That takes dollars.

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: My suggestion, Senator Clark, is one that if the federal dollars don't come, if the other states don't come in, it won't cause us to spend a million and a half dollars and start up that ladder as the committee amendments do. It will say that if these other things don't happen, then here is the alternative, but let's not go back to the contracting and let's not build it by ourself. Thank you, Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner, then Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, in the four or five years that this issue has been before the Legislature, I don't think I have ever spoke on the floor on it. I am not one of those who have no real interest. I think my father was a fifty year shipper to the Omaha stockyards thirty-five years ago so I guess my family's interest in livestock is eighty, eighty-five years at least, on a sizeable scale for a small operation but I have a lot of reluctance to support the vet college. I do support Senator Vickers' amendment as a way to resolve the issue. I don't like the concept of private funds in a proposal. I didn't vote for Senator Beutler's amendment that guaranteed that to be there. I don't want to see educational facilities up for bid based upon who may put up some money in order to get a facility constructed. I think that is a bad policy. What really worries me I guess, I feel like Senator Vickers that the probability of federal money coming is highly unlikely but I am willing to see some time allowed to see whether or not in fact it will occur, and if it does not, that then we get a longer range provisions for Nebraska students. I am concerned about

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