

nothing is going to happen for that building unless the federal funds for the vet college do not come in and those who have a motivation to work in that direction will have it anyway. So I want it clearly understood by the livestock industry that the choice that they are making has a direct absolute effect of stopping any proposed planning for construction of an Animal Science Building and if that is what they want, so be it. I am not as optimistic as others that the federal funds will ever come. I think it is probably highly unlikely that they will ever come. I think that the date that is in the amendment of March 1 of 1982 is a reasonable date based upon what we have been told many times, that the information from the federal government would be available by then. It made sense to me that the deadline would be while the Legislature was in session so that if some adjustment was necessary to accommodate whatever federal limitations might be on the money if available, could be allowed for and adopted and I think that it would permit, rather it would prevent tying up funds for an indeterminable amount of time to the adverse effect of all of the rest of the capital construction the state has. The amendment that is proposed to hold this open until December of '83, has the full effect of holding 7 million dollars, assuming that the federal funds did not show up until then, has the full effect of holding up 7 million dollars for '81-'82, '82-'83, '83-'84. You compound that, at least the figure we are using now on delayed construction has a 10% inflationary factor per year, compounded over three years, so the effect of the amendment is to probably tie up in the vicinity of at least 8 to 9 million dollars of capital construction. Now I understand that the bill says that we are to disregard, the Legislature is to disregard the impact, the financial impact of this construction in looking at the balance of the state budget and that is fine rhetoric. It looks good on paper but there are going to be only so many dollars in the state budget and if you tie up 7 million it means, or more, it means that that amount of funds are not going to be available for other construction. My participation in this amendment was in good faith because I think it is imperative for the financial planning of the state to make a determination, not three years from now, but a year from now. I think it is essential that we do not tie up funds for an indefinite period of time. I'm not getting into the argument of the qualifications or the need for additional vets school. I will comment just as a side interest. Last year we had a hundred and four slots which we were funding. This year when the appropriation bill hits you it will probably be funding a hundred and thirty-three slots which were available so that