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is a proponent of the vets school come up with anything but a way to slow it down or to stop it. The Beutler amendment that we just heard and now the Warner amendment and I know that Senator Warner is serious about what he says. He is in the livestock business but most of us feel that this is the chance, the last chance, that we have to get some federal funding. We can always build the Animal Science Research with Nebraska money but we are not going to get federal money for a vets school unless we push for it and push hard and put some money in the pot to show that we are serious and that is where we are this morning. So, I plead with you, I ask you to go along with the amendment that a number of us have proposed which would terminate this whole act by December 31, 1983, and give us a chance to go for that federal money and to go for the whole ball of wax instead of diluting it and saying, well, we will settle for less. I hope you will oppose the Warner amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Warner, if I may ask you to respond to a question. I just want to take a minute to clarify a couple of points that I don't believe are clear in your amendment and which were not clear before you had the amendment for that matter, but I think it is important to get them on the legislative record. The existing committee amendments which you are amending now say that an estimated thirteen million three hundred eighty-one thousand seven hundred et cetera dollars shall be federal funds. Your amendment references 85-180.05 of the Nebraska statutes which was part of LB 357 which we passed last year. Now that section of the statute says that in order for the University to enter into contracts with participating states, in order to do that, not in order to build the college but in order to enter into agreements with participating states, that federal funds will be available in the amounts sufficient to pay at least 50% of the capital construction cost. Now, in your opinion, Senator Warner, if the 13 million plus that is specifically set out in the committee amendments to LB 245 is obtained from the federal government, does that equal the 50% of capital construction costs that are required in order to enter into agreements with participating states?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes and no. It will be a matter of definition, Senator Beutler. If you apply the definition to capital construction only to pertain to the brick and mortar I would assume that the 13 million, if the approximately 30 million dollars figure is right, the 13 million could well constitute 50% because a portion of that 30 million is for