

any indefinite word as to the future of the fund from the federal government. Therefore, myself and those others who have been mentioned have indicated that we should perhaps look at a cutoff date and that is why we have proposed that at this time. Very frankly, I do not like to say that on December 31, 1983, there will not longer be a need for a school of veterinary medicine in Nebraska if we do not have the federal funds but because of the reasons Senator Warner has given and certainly those reasons are valid ones, we are not tying up funds indefinitely. Perhaps the only fair thing to do that we do establish some kind of a cutoff point. I have to say this that I do not think that the opponents of the vets school are going to be any less vigorous in their opposition with the defeat of the Warner amendment. I think that opposition is going to be there. It is not that it is necessarily, I think there is nothing lacking in integrity, those people have the right to think differently than we do. They are going to pursue their position but I believe that this amendment here will or should at least in part, solve some of the concerns that have been expressed by Senator Beutler and the deep concern that has been shown by Senator Warner relative to the indefinite tying up of funds while we wait for the federal government to move. All of us know that the ways of the federal government are difficult to project and impossible to comprehend and it would be very unlikely that we will get the answers that we want as rapidly as we can. I, for one, have not given up on attaining the federal funds this year. We know that measures can be taken which can provide for federal funds and I am sure that if those funds should be forthcoming we would be in a goal position and we would not need to be deeply concerned with this amendment, but because of the deep concern of the present administration and the members of the Congress, because of the cutbacks that have been expressed in the past and some of which we can expect in the future, everything is somewhat in doubt and we feel that this amendment would give a definite cutoff date. We recognize that there is going to be a hold position on some other projects and that there is going to be some time lost but the supporters of the school have chosen to buy that. I would hope that we do not become divided and that was one of the reasons why I considered the Warner amendment because there was evidence of good faith on the part of some persons who have shown a reluctance to support the school of veterinary medicine to go along if certain timetables could be met. I hope that this timetable, although not as rapid as the one which was expressed in the Warner amendment, does give some satisfaction to some people who are concerned and that it will provide for some additional support. I would hope that we do not reach a position where we are in a standoff position which does not give us any kind of a clear position but