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SPEAKER MARVEL: I am asking for one. Okay, now if you will turn your lights off we will get the information on the other side. Senator Schmit, will you turn your light off, please. Senator Kahle, Senator DeCamp, Senator Hoagland, Senator Clark. Okay, now those who wish to speak on the other side indicate your desire to do so by turning on your white light. We are speaking on the Schmit amendment. Senator Vickers, do you wish to speak on the motion?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, I do.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, you are recognized.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Speaker and members, strange as it may seem perhaps to some people, I offered an amendment on General File to sunset the same provisions that Senator Schmit, Senator Kahle, Senator Lamb and Senator Kremer are attempting to sunset and I attempted to sunset it one year earlier. I would have extended it a year if that is what they desired but that was not the case. The difference is, I was putting up an alternative. I was saying that if we are going to sunset then let's do something else. Now I suppose I should stand up and say I am in favor of sunseting it. We are going to make sure the provisions are met and if they are not we are going to sunset it at a certain date. Well, I can not do that and the reason I can not do it is basically because of the same reason that Senator Kahle got up and gave such an eloquent speech about how his family had been on the farm for a hundred years. I can't say that. We haven't been in that area that long. I have only been there on that place where I am at since I was eight years old and obviously, I might look that old but it has not been a hundred years yet. I do derive my livelihood, such as it is from livestock. I am in the hog business and that livelihood is not that great right now. I don't have to come here to lose money. I can do it back home but livestock is my life. It has always been my life and it always will be my life and I am interested in the veterinary profession. I am interested in research. I am interested in all the various aspects of livestock production and I am not ready or willing to say that we are going to strike all the references in the statutes on a specific date if certain other things that we have no control over don't happen as it relates to veterinary medicine and veterinary medicine education but that is what the proponents are going to do. I don't know whether they have looked at the statute books or not but I have and there is no place in the statute books that veterinary medicine is even indicated that I know of and by December 31, 1983, if