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SENATOR KREMER: Mr. President, members of the body, neither am I going to take a lot of time. I think everyone here knows the position of most of us and maybe a few that need a little bit of persuading. I would like to re-emphasize some statements that have previously been made by a number of us. If this amendment passes, it is my strong opinion that we are sending a message or a signal to Washington that we are not sure what we want. I can see no way that we get any action from that level of government in this short period of time. It takes time. We are going to have to deal with the other states, and we can. I have spoken to that before. Even South Dakota as uncertain as they seem to be have said through a number of their representatives that they still are interested and that is the most negative of the other states. I think that we are going to see a strong support, not only in the other states in the old west but states that are not a part of the old west. There is no way that I feel that we can arrive at a contract or an arrangement with these states in this short period of time. We could lose this. I have long felt that the building of a vet college would not only benefit the agriculture interest or the livestock people but it is going to benefit the entire university complex. I believe if we could build a vet college that we are going to have one of the strongest universities that relate to...all interests in the State of Nebraska and especially this interest that is growing and growing as livestock production, especially livestock feeding begins to shift from the south to the north. Here we are in an area where more livestock is produced and more livestock is fed than any other place and yet we do not have a vet college. I also firmly believe that it is going to cost us no more and maybe less in the long pool to build our own college than to send our students out state. There are so many reasons why we need to support the move to build a vet college in Nebraska. We have debated it before. It is no use to take any more time but I am really fearful that by adopting the Warner amendment we are going to lose this concept that we believe so strongly is going to benefit everyone in Nebraska, including the consumer. This ladies and gentlemen ends my discussion of the bill. I hope that we can generate enough support to defeat the Warner amendment and to pass 245. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, we have debated this issue long and loud. I just want to bring a couple of things to your attention. I passed out on your desk just a few minutes ago that Iowa Beef Packers have pledged \$500,000