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which was tried by Senator Warner unsuccessfully earlier in the session. I would hope that it would again be unsuccessful again today. I too am concerned about tying up funds, about federal funds not being forthcoming and I would like to read into the record at this point a letter which I had passed out on your desks this morning which I hope you have had an opportunity to read, dated April 24, 1981, "Dear Senator Barrett: We have received your request regarding our position on the expenditure of appropriated funds in the event of passage of LB 245 and 245A, the bills which would establish a college of veterinary medicine on the campus of the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. We would expect that those funds appropriated in LB 245A from the Nebraska capital construction fund would not be expended until, number one, such time federal funds referred to in the same bill are assured and number two, the Board of Regents has entered into the agreements with other states provided for in the legislation. I trust this statement will clarify our position in the matter. Sincerely, (signed) Ronald W. Roskins, President, University of Nebraska." This is a letter that I requested, it did allay some of the fears that Senator Warner has and some of the fears that other members of this body had. I would hope that you would not support the Warner amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Call the question.

PRESIDENT: It won't be necessary. You are the last speaker, so Senator Warner, you may close.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, in closing I don't mean to take a lot of time but again the only reason I have offered the motion again is my own conviction that it is not well...good to tie up funds for a number of years, two or three years, with so many critical needs. Secondly, that under this motion should the federal funds not materialize and not withstanding the good work of our Congressional delegation and support generally for agriculture it is hard for me to imagine with the massive federal reduction that are talked about that are obviously going to occur that these funds in fact can materialize and I...because of those reasons and the desire to see something done to assist the agriculture industry, particularly the livestock industry, I have offered the amendment for the body's consideration.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner just closed on a motion to return LB 245 for a specific amendment. The question before the House is the return of LB 245. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all vote? Senator Warner there is