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SENATOR HOAGLAND: Thank you Senator Peterson. And, finally, I wonder if Senator Maresh would yield to just a brief question or two.

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Senator Maresh, as a co-sponsor is it also you intent that this money that we are appropriating in section one, the 1.3 million dollars not be spent unless the 12 or 13 million dollars in federal funds is forthcoming?

SENATOR MARESH: That is what the agreement says from the Board of Regents, yes.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Senator Maresh do you have a reason for stating that in the A bill? I mean for not having section seven of the A bill apply to section one and two as well?

SENATOR MARESH: I guess if we can't trust our Board of Regents that there is very little trust between the Legislature and the Board of Regents if we can't do it on this amount of money. We allow them to use the discretion on millions and millions of dollars and we don't have everything in writing so here we have it in writing and I think we should trust them.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Thank you Senator Maresh. Mr. Speaker, Senator Lamb has indicated that he would like to respond to those questions and I would be happy to ask him the same question. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Okay, Senator Hoagland, I think you and I both recognize and a number of other people that it is going to be tough to get all things coordinated in order to establish a regional veterinary college in Nebraska. When you have to have the cooperation of at least two other states, you have to have the cooperation of the federal government and you have a sunset provision in there which is the end of 1983, we have built in all of these safeguards. Now, what we have to do, we have to have that 1.3 million dollars there poised to show all these people that we are really operating in good faith. These other states are not going to say that we are going to join with you, you know on a flimflam promise of maybe we will have a veterinary college. We have to indicate to those states, to the federal government that we are absolutely sincere. Senator Barrett has read the letter from the University that they are not going to spend this 1.3 million until all these conditions are met. You have heard from numerous senators on the floor