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who are sponsors of the bill that that in fact is the way it is going to be. I think you can rest assured on that.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Thank you Senator.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

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SENATOR HOAGLAND: All right, let me just say Mr. Speaker that I really don't understand why these conditions shouldn't be written into law to protect the people of the State of Nebraska and the tax payers if in fact that is the understanding. It is written into law with respect to section three through six. I see no reason not to write it into the law with respect to the funds that are being appropriated in section one. With that, Mr. Speaker, I would ask for support of this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we continue, underneath the...well there are four students from the Political Behavior Class of Papillion, Kelly Dial, Bridgett Wadington, Robin Wadington and Nicky Vodness with Senator Beyer. Are you still underneath the balcony? Will you raise your hands? Okay, welcome. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was disappointed that Senator Hoagland didn't ask me the question. He hopped, skipped and jumped all over the floor. I'll tell him very bluntly, and he knows very well why we don't put it into the law. If you place it in the law then that puts the federal government in the business of initiating or triggering the construction of the school of veterinary medicine. Because we have placed that one condition in there in the statute, that states emphatically that until the federal money comes we don't move. In this case the reverse is true. This Legislature will appropriate \$1,300,000 for the construction of the school. That is appropriated money, it is there and there needs to be no further action by anyone or anywhere for the federal government to move. Now we also know that the prospects of funds from the federal government are not exactly the best we can see, but I want to say this. The federal government moves in strange ways as does this body from time to time and there is no reason for us to believe that at some point and time something could occur which could trigger that federal money. We have had the word of Congresswoman Smith that she will continue to work on it. We know the chances for this year are slim