

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, an agreement was reached, a gentleman's agreement was made on the Veternarian College. The budget of the University of Nebraska or any other financial or budgeting issue were not addressed, nor did they enter into any part of the debate, the agreement, the issue of the Veternarian Science College. We can maintain the fine University we have with the cut. Now we took a poll and the people said by a big majority we want a veternarian college of medicine. I must have given twelve to eighteen talks this interim. At every talk that I gave be it Rotary, Lions, WIFE, I mentioned that we were going to have to cut this session and possibly one of the places we were going to have to cut would be the University of Nebraska. If there was anybody in the group who wished to debate this with me, or to bring up the issue during the question and answer period please feel free to do so. I can report to you at every talk that I gave no one objected to my suggestion to them that we cut the budget of the University of Nebraska. Not one of them raised the issue. However, this morning I have received three phone calls, ~~three phone calls~~ from people saying, "Rex, what are you doing to the University of Nebraska?" Now these three phone calls were from the university's special forces group that they have planted out throughout the State of Nebraska and this special forces group are people in the community who when the University comes out and has a breakfast or a coffee they all get together and they say we are going to support the University come hell or high water. So this, this small elite group, this task force or whatever you want to call it, Green Beret' or whatever, got on the phone this morning and we visited about the University of Nebraska. I talked to them about the central administration's budget. I talked to them about a lot of things and when we got finished they said, well maybe it isn't bad as the headlines say. So I say to you that the citizens of the State of Nebraska are not really upset or angry. However, the task force and the University is. It is coming down to where do we cut. Cut somebody else, don't cut me. So I come back to one other thing, now that I finished that, is, Senator Wesely, an agreement was made, the Veternarian College issue has been laid to rest. . .

SPEAKER NICHOL PRESIDING

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SENATOR HABERMAN: We thank you for your support. I noticed you changed from not voting to voting after I think it was 25, we thank you for your support anyway. This is a federal