

samples than they did in the past. It...in 1987, 1988 they had about 76,000 samples, and it's anticipated that the number of these samples will go up to 185,000 to 200,000 per year until the disease is under better control. Of course another factor, the diagnostic lab does receive some federal money over the years, the same story that we hear time and time again of there is less of that money coming in. With the State of Nebraska having approximately a \$4 billion livestock industry it seems like an adequate budget for the diagnostic center would be a very modest investment for the state for an industry that provides that many dollars for the State of Nebraska. With this, I'd like to have the amendment adopted.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Coordsen, please, followed by Senator Warner.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I rise to echo Senator Rogers' statements. I think it's essential, in the interest of the future of the State of Nebraska, that we do fund fully, or as necessary, through the system to help this part of our economy. If we embark on an eradication effort and don't have the laboratory facilities, equipment, personnel available to carry out the system then we have effectively not utilized the other money that we might appropriate adequately. I think this is a good investment and a wise investment, and I would urge its adoption. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, to explain the rationale of the committee not including, there were a number of things that...some of which has been indicated by Senator Rogers. But first the budget request, base budget, continuation budget that came to us from the Board of Regents, the increase that is in the budget is the same that was approved by the board, which in essence was not an increase in the continuation budget. There was a 10 percent increase for equipment, which is somewhat consistent with what was done across the board. The other areas and where the pseudo rabies issue comes in, and I've...I understand that the bill that is before us directly does not affect perhaps the issue, but I...it's a broad issue at least to the pseudo rabies and the caseload is involved. And some years ago it was started, essentially it was to be cash funded, that is through, primarily through fees. And there is no fee rate increase, I believe,