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SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, I am sure that Senator Koch and Senator Lewis expect me to be on the opposite side than I am on this issue. I have been always an advocate of getting together with other counties within our state and with other states within the system so I am going to support this. I think perhaps where many of you feel there is a Mexican standoff or whatever you want to call it between the rural and the urban areas over a vet school that perhaps has some overtones in this bill. I think this is going to be an advantage to us in our vet school approach, if that is one of the issues that you are thinking about in the back of your mind, because I do think that perhaps we will find especially in this area that we don't have the populations of people but we have the populations of livestock which would make this area desirable for expansion in certain fields. Veterinary medicine may be one of them. So I am greatly interested in cooperation between states. In fact I am going to make a trip to Chicago next weekend to take part in one of the conferences to take place. So I do support the issue. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I have one or two more questions of a technical concept, particularly I guess in the concept that under section (d) of article 5 that the records of this public organization shall be open only to authorized personnel and I suggest to you that you are running right smack into current law that says where you are expending public funds, public records, and the issue is to be construed liberally, shall be available to any citizen of this state which, you will forgive me, I think he has a right to inasmuch as they are his dollars irregardless of how they are being used and who is using them, but the proposed function under subsection (f) of section 4 to create a comprehensive educational guide to me speaks probably to what I think has been done repeatedly in the current compact of the states and I can only determine from the fact that this bill is being brought before us to create a new compact that it is an indictment of the present educational compact which we are supporting rather handsomely. And if we are to become involved in this, then I think we definitely should withdraw from the other. On the other hand inasmuch as the other incorporates all of the states, I think there would be far more benefit derived from these self-same functions brought about through the existing compact rather than create another. We have a bill here that we have absolutely no way of determining the ultimate cost on and we have been told as part of becoming a member that even if