

years funding, and that we must look very carefully in detail at next years funding. That we should not just pull one appropriations bill out for discussion, that we ought to look at the total package, and indeed if there is a bill that is of concern, this bill which contains more than half of the general fund appropriations for this year and this bill that has built in it programs that are going to grow considerably is one that should be looked at very carefully and very thoroughly before this legislature puts its endorsement on this piece of legislation.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I have several lights up here but we also have two amendments that we need to take up first. Clerk will read the first amendment.

CLERK: Read Frank Lewis amendment. Amendment appears on page 1447 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well Mr. President, this program deals with, as I understand it, and give the page on that Pat, page 19.

CLERK: I believe that it was page 17 Senator, I could be mistaken.

SENATOR LEWIS: Page 17...it is page 19, program 715 and basically what this amendment does is of course this is the money designated for veterinary medicine schools. We have a bill on the floor now to determine what we are going to do about veterinary medicine and it appeared to me that it would be in poor taste to move forward and appropriate in this area without appropriating in the other. So Mr. President, what I am simply requesting, in the sense of fairness, in the sense of non-surprise, like we all were experienced with today that we take this out of the bill now, resolve the veterinary medicine issue as it comes along, because I think that was part of the thinking behind this, that we could build a new vet school, and I want the public to know that. So, if we are going to do that at least lets get ourselves in some straight forward, honest, legitimate, talk with the membership about what is going on. So, lets take the million dollars out here and then lets talk about that issue. I don't mind losing on issues, but I certainly do not like to be back-doored so lets set it up straight up and move it out. I think that my amendment clearly speaks for itself.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan, do you wish to speak to the Lewis amendment?