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SENATOR CULLAN: Yes, Mr. President. I wish to apologize to the body, I'm a little bit unclear and reading budget bills is a little bit...well it is not very easy. Senator Lewis, I'm not exactly sure on what the million dollars you are talking about is for. Is that for...planning money for veterinary college or...

SENATOR LEWIS: The million dollar provides, if you look at the appropriation language on the top of page 20, it says the amount shown above is only to be expended for a veterinary students contracts as provided in Section 85-180 revised statutes Nebraska 43. What this does this provides the money to provide for those contracts. Now if we are going to have a school it is obvious that we don't need that money here. I would suspect the way to approach this in a clean and straight forward way is simply to leave the money out, bring the issue out here and lets duke it out. Lets determine it that way. I think that is what we ought to do. I think that the issue needs to be brought out today. I think that we know what the issue is. It is time that we stop whispering about it in the corridors and get it on the floor.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay thank you, Senator Lewis, I wanted to be clear exactly what the motion was. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman do you wish to talk to the Lewis amendment?

SENATOR HABERMAN: I sure do. Fellow Senators, Senator Lewis, I think that you can realize if you put your mind to it that we can't build a veterinary college in a year. We possibly can't build a veterinarian college in two years. The bill is coming before us to build one. We haven't acted on it. If we adopt your amendment, this means that no students will go to any veterinarian schools next year. I get your point, Senator Lewis, I understand what you are trying to say, but lets don't panic fellow senators. We are not going to build a vet school this year. We need this money to send those students and lets fight the battle when the bill comes before the floor.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: (No response).

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