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very vociferously that the 3.2 million dollars spent for the construction of the School of Law was not necessarily a good investment. Creighton University has a School of Medicine. Notwithstanding that, we have poured millions of dollars into the School of Medicine in the State of Nebraska and we do not guarantee where those students go or where they will practice or that they will in fact practice at all but we nonetheless do that. No one demanded educational TV but we've spent additional millions of dollars to construct an Educational TV Building. We have spent millions of dollars to construct a Life Sciences Building, and you ask a hundred people down on the street what do they do in the Life Sciences Building, 95 of them could not tell you. We have been talking about other issues here this morning. I would like to suggest you drive out down 33rd Street and look at the Game and Parks Building. Our good friend, Senator Mahoney, who resides in that area, presides over it, I should say, and does an excellent job...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...so I want to say that very obviously the School of Veterinary Medicine should at least be on an equal par with Game and Parks. I would hope that you would advance the bill. I would accept additional amendments. We hope there will be private funds forthcoming. We provide that there must be federal funds in the bill before we do anything, but if we turn our back on this proposal today, we have slammed the door on the work that has been done by previous Governors, previous legislators over the years and we have closed forever the possibility of an Old West Regional Commission School being built here in the State of Nebraska.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Time is up.

SENATOR SCHMIT: If we vote in the affirmative, we keep that door open. I believe it is important that we keep the door open and I ask for your support and, Mr. President, I move the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance LB 357 to E & R for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The motion is to advance the bill. Have you all voted? Okay, a record vote is requested.

CLERK: Record vote read. (See page 1736, Legislative Journal.) 25 ayes, 11 nays, 13 not voting, Mr. President.