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on the basis or the premise, mistaken or otherwise, that the capacity may be needed in the event that they build a school of veterinary medicine. Well, for crying out loud. How far-fetched can you get? If you need these facilities that some of you have described so aptly, then vote for them on that basis, but what an underhanded, left-handed way to go about trying to stop the construction of a school of veterinary medicine by saying we can't afford it because we don't have the cooling capacity. It's not going to make any difference to me if you don't vote for the school of veterinary medicine. It's not going to make any difference to me if you don't vote for a lot of other issues on the floor, but I think Senator Labeledz laid it out very well this morning when she explained some of the actions in the Appropriations Committee. I think that if you want to be the laughing stock of the State of Nebraska you will follow Senator DeCamp on this motion. I think that as far as the issue is concerned right now, there has been some vehement discussion on this floor as to long hard work of the Appropriations Committee and I respect them for it, but I want to respectfully suggest also that you can find just as many arguments and good ones for each and every single appropriation that has been offered to this body. I offered an appropriation the other day that would have benefited the Nebraska Highway Patrol. It was voted down resoundingly because of the many good reasons why we couldn't afford it. I still think that if you can afford the kind of capital construction budget you've got in this motion of Senator DeCamp's, you can afford to pay the troopers who patrol our highways for one meal a day when they work a ten hour day. But I think at this time to adopt the DeCamp amendment and start the big rigamarole again, and Senator DeCamp says, we'll cut in half that one controversial building, I would suggest that you will find out after you adopt the DeCamp amendment the controversial building is the Ag Engineering Building. It doesn't make any difference to me. I don't need to check my tractors any more. I can tell you what kind of a tractor I'm buying and I can tell you the horsepower. Probably the most benefit they can ever do for the State of Nebraska will be to check those little garden tractors that my friends in the city chug around with mowing their lawns because those are the real ripoff. But whether you approve that Ag Engineering Building or not is of no concern to me. What is of concern to me is the dignity of the body and the direction in which we go. I think we made a decision this morning, and it is not going to be the end