

and had them testify as to how tough it was to get into veterinarian school. Yet, it will be just as tough to get into the Nebraska school because we have only 105 slots as it is to go elsewhere. So, that has bothered me a little bit from the beginning. The argument has been made time and time again here, and I noticed that Senator Schmit pre-empted the argument, or at least spoke to, today that the number of slots that Nebraska has outstate is greatly endangered. I think that this argument that there is no reasonable basis for this argument. I had my researcher call six different veterinarian schools, talk to the deans or assistant deans. She called Kansas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri, Iowa, Purdue and talked to the people here at Nebraska. On the basis of that, contrary to the danger existing losing slots, I think there is a very great possibility that we can gain a great number of slots in the up-coming two to three years. Let me talk just a little bit about some of the things that she found out which are still in a little bit disorganized forms since we only did this recently, but right now we have 47 slots in Iowa. At Iowa they tell us and I think Senator Vickers has already testified on this, to some extent, that probably there will be a number of more positions available there. They are interested, very interested in talking the regional school with us, and with long term contracts with us. Kansas, Oregon is withdrawing from its agreement with Kansas. It is going in with Colorado now. We are losing three slots, three out of our 98 at Colorado. Oregon is going over there but now slots are opening up at Kansas...slots that Oregon is vacating. So, Kansas is increasing. Iowa will probably increase. Minnesota, right now Minnesota is considering building an addition to their school. If that goes through, and that remains to be seen, there will be increased slots there. In addition, in the Minnesota school there will possibly be 17-19 new slots if and when Wisconsin pulls out. Right now Wisconsin students are going to Minnesota. Wisconsin, as you know, is in the process right now of considering....

SENATOR SCHMIT: A point of order Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: With all due respect to my good friend Senator Beutler, he is supposed to be addressing the issue of funding. He is talking about the availability of slots. I would request the Chair to ask Senator Beutler to confine his remarks to the issue of funding.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler is your amendment on the funding process?