

and Wyoming have made plans to join us. We still have a lot of problems, we still have a lot of things to work out. We don't know for sure what South Dakota is going to do for sure. Many of the....there was a man here yesterday from South Dakota visiting us from the Senate in South Dakota. I visited with another gentleman from up there and they are not so sure that they are not going to join. The one way to kill this whole thing and I think that is what some of you would like to do, those of you that oppose it would be to kill it now and not honor our efforts of commitments with North Dakota and Wyoming as those of us who worked on this issue have sort of promised which we can not do without your support of course. But we do need to pass this legislation in order to find out whether any more states are interested. We talked already about Wisconsin, we are not sure what they are going to do. Should Wisconsin decide to build a school it may make a great lot of difference to Nebraska. But, I do feel as an agriculturist, a farmer who raises cattle and hogs on our operation back home, this is the backbone of Nebraska. It is a shame that we haven't had the school sooner. But I'm not going to argue the merits of the school. What I am going to argue right now is that I hope that you will vote to pass the bill before us so that we could work further into this problem. It is not going to be easy. The whole thing hinges on a lot of funding from Old West Region, from the federal government, from the states that are involved, and if you kill the bill you certainly are going to stop all of this progress and I don't believe we want to do that at this time. Whether you support a vet college in Nebraska or not is beside the point. What you are voting on now is to whether to continue to look at it and see if it is possible. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, members of the body. I was chatting back here with some of my colleagues and they were relating to me some of the information about the history when Senator Schmit introduced this bill and they were saying you know it is kind of interesting when Senator Schmit introduced the bill at the public hearing we couldn't tell whether he was for or against the bill. Now as we listen as the bill proceeds he has gotten very adamant and very strongly in favor of the bill. I said that is not hard to understand, let me draw this analogy for you. You take a man that is driving down the highway and it is cold and rainy outside and he sees this old mangy dog lying on the side of the road. He feels sorry for the dog and he stops his car and picks up the dog and takes it home and his wife says, what the heck do you have