

SPEAKER MARVEL: There is a motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Koch offered a motion yesterday that is found on page 261 of the Journal. The motion is to rereference LB 245 from the Agriculture and Environment Committee to the Education Committee. The motion is offered by Senator Koch.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, occasionally in the early days of a session the Reference Committee has many bills and what I say here on this motion is no criticism of any member of the Reference Committee or of anyone else. The issue is Veterinarian College and Medicine, but I happen to believe that that subject is Education. Now if we are talking about brick and mortar and construction, then that should be Appropriations. But in this case the Education Committee has handled the new phenomena of veterinary medicine since its beginning several years ago and I will defend the committee in terms of its fairness, how we treated it. We have spent in excess of twenty hours listening to all people in the State of Nebraska and their concerns about veterinarian medicine, and the reasons why the State of Nebraska should be seriously considering the construction and development of a veterinarian college. As I said in my opening remarks, I am not here trying to create turmoil. I am only here to discuss the integrity of the committee which I Chair and assure individuals on this floor that even though my position on the veterinarian college has not been totally in favor, that that bill will receive a very fair hearing and I am certain that the committee will also grant that type of hearing and consideration. That is the reason I am asking for this body to vote favorably that the bill be rereferred from the Ag Committee to the Education Committee and I would hope my good friend, Senator Schmit, would concede that this would be proper. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would just like to comment on this situation. The Reference Committee has, of course, had a number of occasions to reconsider its action. We have listened to the proposals by various people as to how bills should have been referenced and in some cases rereferenced. We looked at that very carefully. I think we have overall done a very good job and I think that to change this