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SENATOR HEFNER PRESIDING

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Schmit, would you like to present the committee amendments?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the committee amendments basically authorize the funding for the school of veterinary medicine and lays out the program whereby that funding will be accomplished. You have on your desk a copy of the cash flow as proposed in the committee amendments. If you like, I can go through them. If you prefer, I would rather...I could answer questions, whichever you think might be the most result and save you the most time.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Schmit, do you want to explain the committee amendments? There is a series of amendments to the committee amendment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President, the committee amendments as they are outlined in the sheet which I have handed out provide for an appropriation of funds from the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund for 1981-'82 of \$1,308,352. This does not include \$119,000 of General Fund that have already been included in the budget for projects coordination, so that this year for the total amount of money from the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund we are talking about \$1,308,352 plus \$119,000 from the General Fund in the budget. Now these funds that we are talking here the million three are funds which would not be spent unless we had assurance from the federal government that the entire amount of the federal funding as proposed here, \$13,381,794 will be in the budget. We talked to Congresswoman Virginia Smith. She has assured us that she will attempt to place that amount of funding in the budget and we should know by October or November whether those funds are going to be granted by the federal government. Very frankly, if those funds are not available, then the project certainly does not have much of a chance of flying, and I would say that although we would have a million three appropriated, that little or none of that money would be expended if we do not receive the federal money. In 1982-'83 we propose to receive the first \$8,300,000 of federal funds, we would use \$1,011,648 of funds that are in the cigarette tax fund that have been earned but not appropriated during the '81-'82 year. We would use an additional \$2,320,000 of funds from the cigarette tax fund for a total amount of money from the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund of \$2,331,648. That would be the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund contribution during 1982-'83.