

Mr. President, I have an amendment offered by Senator Beutler to the committee amendments. It would read as follows: Read Beutler amendment as appears on page 945 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I am going to go through each of the five amendments that I have, because each of them represents a point of fiscal irresponsibility. I am going to go through each one of them and I am going to ask everybody to vote on each one of them. This particular amendment has to do with the student fees. As was pointed out by Senator Schmit, the construction moneys, the state appropriations that are going to be spent to build this school are going to come someplace in the neighborhood between 14 and 15 million dollars. The argument all along has been that there will be two or more participating states sharing the cost of that 15 million dollars in construction money with us. Originally I think the plan was they would kick in, appropriate and kick in some construction money. But that didn't seem to work out to well because they were not willing to make the same good faith commitments that Nebraska seems to be willing to make all over the place. So instead, the way they are going to pay their share is through student fees. That is the concept that everybody has been talking about and that we have been told about, but there is absolutely nothing in this bill that would require them to do so. There is absolutely nothing in this bill that ties down those states to paying a share of the construction cost of this veterinary college. Under the bill, as it is currently written, there is no assurance whatsoever that any of the 15 million dollars that Nebraska is going to put out is going to be paid back to them. The bill speaks about student fees. But it doesn't say what those student fees will constitute. Does that mean fees sufficient to cover operating expenses? Or, does that mean fees sufficient to covering operating expenses plus a fair share of the construction cost. It doesn't say anything about construction cost. There is no obligation to include and to build into that fee a fair share of the construction cost. I think that I can guess why. Last summer before the Education Committee we had Iowa, the veterinary college people at Iowa and Minnesota down here before the committee and this question was posed to them. The contract prices that you are charging Nebraska or would charge Nebraska, would they include a portion of the construction costs of your veterinary college? The answer in all cases was "no, it does not or it would not". Iowa's does not. So why do we imagine for a moment, why do we imagine for a moment that with Iowa and Minnesota and now Wisconsin building a school and having slots open, why would South Dakota, why