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LB 245

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 245 was considered by the membership yesterday. At that time the bill was read. (Title read.) We were considering the committee amendments. There were two amendments offered by Senator Beutler to the committee amendments. I now have pending an amendment from Senator Beutler which reads as follows: This is an amendment to the committee amendments. Add a new Section 3: The total number of Nebraska students enrolled at any one time in the Regional College of Veterinary Medicine shall not exceed fifty percent of the total number of students enrolled. That is offered by Senator Beutler. It is found on page 946 of the Journal, Mr. President, this particular amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler. Excuse me just a minute. The Chair will ask for your cooperation in focusing your attention on the important matter that is before us. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I don't want to regurgitate every thing that I said yesterday. Let me simply remind you that the amendment before you now is the one that would limit Nebraska enrollment to the College of Veterinary Medicine, to the Regional College, to fifty percent of the students. I would remind you that I pointed out yesterday that that fifty percent figure was right at the high figure of the projections that we have been given with regard to Nebraska participation, that is, the Nebraska participation was said it would vary depending on the number of students that were in the school altogether, but even assuming the high number of students, fifty percent is about the most that anyone has ever talked about. The reason that this amendment is important, as you will recall, is because we need to put some mechanism in the bill that will ensure us that there will be participating states and that, one, they will participate in the construction costs, and that, two, they will participate in the operational costs. The amendment I had yesterday would have assured the fact that they would participate in the construction costs. This amendment ensures that there are students from other states there who will participate in the payment of construction costs. I would just point out for your information that right now under contract in other states, Nebraska sends out more or less a hundred students, in that vicinity. If there were fifty percent participation in the Regional College and if the Regional College had the maximum number of students which was projected, that would be somewhere in the neighborhood of one hundred and forty Nebraska students. So we would be increasing by about fifty percent the number of students that we are educating presently even with this limitation. We would be increasing by fifty percent the number of students