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We all know that Nebraska by its very nature, by limited population, has limited resources and I believe our challenge today is to keep the standing colleges that we have in Nebraska, possibly diminish them if we have to, but to provide the dollars to provide quality education. Had this been thirty years ago and I had been a member of this body, I would have voted for a veterinarian college but not today. There is not evidence to indicate that we need it. I know what some of you are going to say. "Well, Koch, do you want to go for advice and council?" I want to for one reason because I think the people of this state would overwhelmingly defeat this issue when they know the fact. Therefore, I am saying to you that before we get involved in the brick and mortar, we had better take a careful look and, secondly, most importantly, is this, when you go to staff it, tell me where you are going to get the staff. Are you going to raid Iowa State and Minnesota and all the other twenty-four vet colleges? Is that where you are going to buy them? I have watched us lose professional staff to other schools for higher salaries which placed accreditation of some of our colleges in jeopardy because we wouldn't meet another \$ 5000 here and there....

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR KOCH: ...to keep staff where we needed them. I have watched us lose some of our medicine, the College of Medicine staff to Berkeley, California. They took the whole staff of radiology out of that college a few years ago. Do you know what the reason was? Not better research facilities but, primarily, better salaries, immensely higher salaries, and until this state can demonstrate to me that we are willing to pay the faculty that have the research capabilities and the qualities we need to keep them here, then why should we take on one more endeavor which we will not be able to adequately support, and if we do support it, it will be at the expense of the present University system and the present state college system. I know that this group has obviously made up their mind and I had to say this because I had to be on record and the record is I have yet to be shown that this college will be of any great benefit to the agricultural industry and I submit to you we can provide professional in staff growth, seminars for our veterinarians through the present Ag Institute by merely beefing up the staff and providing them the necessary help they need in the field in trying to deal with animal disease and problems relating to the industry. Mr. Speaker, with that, I will withdraw the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: From District 31 from Senator Wiitala's District