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LB 245

CLERK: Mr. President, the first motion I have on LB 245 is offered by Senator Warner. Senator Warner would move to return LB 245 to Select File for specific amendment. I believe Senator it is the one in the Journal on page 1156.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I'm not going to spend a lot of time. The amendment was proposed earlier. My concern is two things. One is that as the bill is proposed we tie up substantial amount of funds that could otherwise be used for other renovation, capital construction for operations of state government for at least two years and it has the impact when funds are tied up to delay construction would eventually be.....becomes more expensive. Secondly the amendment does provide \$50,000 for planning funds for the animal science complex building in the event that the funds for a veterinary college from the federal government are not forthcoming and also if two states do not meet the requirements it has a cut off of March 1st of 1982. I know that there are those that feel that that is inadequate time in order to acquire the federal funds but I think it is a matter of policy, it is dangerous, it is poor policy to tie up the volume of money that we are talking about for a two or three year period when there are other pressing needs. It does also provide \$50,000 of planning money for the construction rather for the planning of that animal science building which could then be utilized and the funds proposed for the vet college of General Fund money or a portion of it would then be made available if we construct that facility which is an alternative and some in the livestock industry at least feel is equally or even perhaps of more significance than additional veterinary college. My purpose is not to oppose the veterinary college by this amendment but the purpose again is to hopefully provide little better fiscal management of the states funds and at the same time in the event that the federal funds do not materialize. That the livestock industry of the state has, as a result of this legislation, a facility, I think, could be significant in terms of classroom programs, in terms of expanded research opportunities with their existing facilities and at the same time will not further delay other needed construction by tying up funds for an indefinite period of time or at least a minimum of three years. The amendment has been offered before and it was voted down. But, I feel that it is a more desirable route and I at least wanted to offer it once again for consideration.