

to try to take is to try to look to those schools that already have an existing school of veterinary medicine in other states and attempt to set up a cooperative venture with one of those states, one of those schools. And the purpose for that of course is because those states are having a difficult time in funding their programs as we would have had we decided to build one here. It's the wave of the future even though this body yesterday decided not to look that direction in all of the higher education, I can assure you that's the way we're going to be doing it in a few years. I can assure you that the idea that I brought to you yesterday is going to come back again. It's going to come back again and again and again, not only in this state, but in a lot of other states as well and eventually it will become a reality. It's the only logical way to provide expensive higher education programs to the people of the states, particularly in the low population states of the Midwest. We've got to look across state boundaries. We've got to recognize that those boundaries are purely political boundaries, that they're not insurmountable and that for the benefit of the taxpayers in all states and for the benefit of the students desiring these types of education in all states, we've got to start working with each other. That's what LB 204 is all about. LB 204 is another...there's another important part of LB 204 and that is that as part of this process of deciding to look at other states we are at the same time, and I know this is painful for some people to admit, but we are at the same time admitting that the other idea is not going to take place and it's not going to work so we're repealing those sections of the statutes. We're repealing the idea that we had before and I want you all to know, I want you all to know that even though I am supporting LB 204, it's my bill, I'm even not supporting the idea of looking to other states, I'm not in support of LB 204A. As a matter of fact, I've got a kill motion up there on it because as I indicated yesterday I think it's time that this Legislature take a position of saying we are not going to expend any dollars until we know what we're spending those dollars for, until we're expending those dollars for a program that is actually going to work. I passed out to you yesterday a sheet of paper that indicated to you that we have spent \$582,000, \$582,000 over the last six or seven years for the idea of the Old West College of Veterinary Medicine. That is \$582,000, friends, that is gone. It's evaporated. We might as well have taken a match and lit those dollars on fire because they did just as much