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good. We could have at least saw some smoke and you haven't even seen that much from it the way it is. And I know there are those people that are going to say we've got to expend some money in order to latch on to the federal funds, but that is totally unnecessary as far as I'm concerned because I cannot support the idea of getting federal dollars at a time when we all know the federal government needs to balance their budget. So I'm asking you to advance LB 204 and then in a little bit I'm going to ask you to kill LE 204A. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Miller, please. Excuse me, you turned your light off?

SENATOR MILLER: Mr. Speaker and members, I think this body should pass 204 for the intent of the vet school bill and I think that probably the major portion of the argument is whether we should fund it or not and that will come I believe on the discussion of 204A and I would vote for the passage of 204.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, I rise to support the advancement motion of LB 204. I guess I would say to you that make no mistake today when you vote for this bill, whether you are supporting the motion to advance or opposing the motion, that you are committing yourself one way or the other whether it be on a philosophical difference with this issue or if in fact you believe in the veterinary and science concept here in Nebraska that you are making commitments to the State of Nebraska. I passed around yesterday but we didn't get to it the basic plan that we have outlined or at least the people at the University of Nebraska have outlined as far as what steps are going to be necessary to get the school built as far as money is committed from this Legislature as well as the federal government. There has been some talk about if we don't commit the funds this year will we lose our matching funds at the federal level? My staff did some checking in recent days to find out exactly what commitment we have from the federal government and we've come up with I think a pretty good synopsis of exactly what is going to happen if in fact we do not appropriate the necessary funds this year. Now the question I asked was whether a failure by the Unicameral to appropriate funds to the vet school this year would