

yards for if in fact there are 25 people in this body to do the same.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: We've got a commitment. Let's fund it. If not, you know we've tried to go back and find a concept that was more cost effective. I think this is as good a commitment as any. We spend, I can't remember, at least a million or so dollars every year to support students who go on to schools outside the State of Nebraska. Let's use that money here in the state and I guess this is as good a concept as we've got yet. Quite possibly there may be a better concept laying out there, but this is the only one we've got in front of us so if there is a better plan, if the opponents of this particular bill have a better idea, please bring it to us. I'm sure that the livestock industry and those of us supporting the vet concept would be more than happy to take a second look at this issue if it's more cost effective, but at this point there is no alternative idea and with that I guess I would just ask you to reject the indefinite postponement motion that is now before us.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Remmers, then Senator Cal Carson.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the kill motion. I came in five years ago opposed to this type of spending. I've changed my mind since then. When I came in I was thinking only of the cost of tuition we paid outstate and I thought that was a lot cheaper than building a vet college or pursuing the course we're trying to do right now, but I've changed my mind. I think there is a lot of merit in the course we are going today. In response to Senator Vickers' comments about grants, I have...totally agree with the fact that one of our biggest problems of our federal government is federal grants. Bridges are being built simply because the federal money is there to build it whether they are necessary or not. Many projects are built far beyond what they needed because the local people don't have to pay the whole bill. Maybe when they're only paying a small percentage of it they build way beyond what is needed. I think federal grants have not been good for this country, but they're still here. And if the money is being handed out I want to get my share. I don't think my turning the money down is going to cut the federal grants. When the federal grant programs are cut I