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will certainly support anybody that is trying to cut federal grants, but while they're there the money is going to be spent and I want my share. In regard to the program that we have I don't know if I could add very much to the comments of Senator Miller. I thought his comments were very good. There was some question about not funding some of the programs that we have. A veterinarian called me some time ago, about a year or so ago, and he was upset because there were no lab technicians here in Nebraska. He said you're talking about building a vet college but we can't even staff what we have. My answer to that was the reason we couldn't staff them is because they simply were not coming here. The money was there, but we could not attract these technicians because we didn't have the complete program. I had some real doubts about the Old West program because I think when you're going to do something and there was an old story that I read when I was a little kid about the bird that had the nest of little ones in the wheat field and the farmer came to look at the wheat field. The mother was gone and the little birds, the mother came back, they said, boy, we have to move, the farmer is going to cut the grain. Well those who have heard that story know that the mother was not very concerned about moving until the farmer decided to cut the grain himself and that's why I didn't think we'd ever get very far with the Old West concept. I think we have to make some commitments. If we're not going to finance it, why did we move the bill in the first place? I oppose the kill motion and I support the financing of it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Cal Carsten, then Senator Lamb.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise this morning to I believe ask the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Warner, a question or two that I think needs to be done and it relates directly to this veterinary school. Where we're at at the moment, what is the projection for further development and the use of this money or these monies as it relates to the school? I think we need, all of us in this body, needs to know at what point we're at at the moment and where we're going. Now in asking those questions to Senator Warner I am fully aware of his philosophy and also mine as Senator Remmers has just said, if we're going to pass legislation let's fund it. I also understand that Senator Warner is not on the prevailing side of the move, but knowing Senator Warner as I do and I'm sure that he will present to us the