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status of the vet school as it now is and the direction and the procedure that lies ahead. If he would care to respond, he certainly may use my time, Mr. President, and I would so ask Senator Warner if he would care to respond.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Carsten, as I understand the status, is that those who, as you have indicated I do not happen to be a supporter of the facility, but as I understand the issue on the funding side is that those who do support it are of the opinion that it's necessary to have between \$100 and \$200,000 appropriated this year in order to assure or more likely assure rather than the federal matching funds that are proposed will continue to be reauthorized by Congress. I think their position is that if we have no funding authorized or appropriated in our budget that then the likelihood of being able to retain the authorization for federal funds is much more unlikely. And my understanding is there is a need for funds to do that. My position is if you're not going to...if you want to not do the vet college, why the way you do it is not pass 204. If it's going to be passed then I think it ought to be funded so that the option of being able to perhaps qualify for the federal funds are still there and that's about half the cost except seven, seven some million, almost \$8 million.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, if I may, I'd like to ask Senator Warner one more question if I might. Then, Senator Warner, as I understand our budgetary process and our appropriations process as we now have it in place, that come next year and we approach or the University approaches us with their request, we then as an Appropriations Committee will analyze what has been done up the point of their request for the future year again?

SENATOR WARNER: Yeah.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Or in other words, a review or overview of what has happened. Is that also correct?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, not...the A bill does more than just the \$200,000.

SENATOR CARSTEN: I understand that.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.