

opposition to LB 204 in the committee. Yet now we are unwilling to finance this in a small amount in order to try to keep the federal funds, to try to keep the total costs as small as possible. Last year we had a proposal which was buried in the appropriations bill. I think someone referred to that earlier, the Lied Performing Arts Center down on the city campus. Now that is a \$7 million ticket. Nobody raised any objections to that. Nobody, almost nobody, I guess I am standing corrected here. Almost no one objected to the \$7 million ticket which was proposed and which was passed for that Lied Center. We realize that there are other funds coming for that and that the \$7 million is only about one-third of the total cost and the rest will be private funds. But here we have almost a similar amount of money that we're...in total, asking for agriculture in this state and I find it inconceivable that we would not finance the proposal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, then Senator Miller.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, very rarely have I spoken on the vet school issue. I know it's been before the Legislature every year I think since 1980 and it might have even been here in 1979 and it's an issue that the members of the Legislature have always seen fit to pass. It has always been...I've always felt that my colleagues that come from rural Nebraska are supportive of the vet school and along the way they're able to persuade a number of senators from the urban areas to go along with supporting the vet school and as a result we continue to have a vet school debate. Now it seems to me that the vet school is kind of an idea or an issue that just won't die, that just won't come to an end. It's got a life of its own and it's very clear that the people with the University of Nebraska who were working on the vet school financing were simply unable to obtain the requisite amount of participation from the other states toward the financing of the vet school and for that reason the big vet school concept slowly came to an end. But that didn't mean that the vet school concept came to an end. Instead we now find in front of us LB 204 and LB 204A which says this. Well we're not going to have a great big vet school where we can send all of our young people for their formal veterinary science education or where we can also recruit young people from other states for their formal veterinary science education, but it would be wrong for us to let down the