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That means they're going to have to go back and make some budget adjustments or expand our tax base even further or move some cash fund money over into general funds. We have lots of possibilities, but we're going to have to make some changes. But why on earth should we continue to come down a path that is effectively dead ended.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Half a minute.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Why should we commit ourselves to an \$8 million expenditure over the next five years by a simple \$200,000 appropriation today when that path is effectively ended? That's a mistake. Let's not fund the cooperative veterinary program. Let's simply indefinitely postpone LB 204A.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Miller is next, but may I introduce some guests in the south balcony of Senator Chronister. We have 45 students that are in the seventh and eighth grades from Stanton County Rural, Schuyler, and the county superintendent. Would all of you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for visiting us this morning. Senator Miller.

SENATOR MILLER: Mr. President and members, this \$200,000 investment this year is not a commitment to the total project. This \$200,000 commitment which is going to be halved by the livestock industry private contributions is going to be a contract. It is going to get the federal government as a partner. We will have the say as to when we want to terminate this project at any time, but as you know if we don't fund this at all there will be no effort to see if we really want to stamp out this bug or not, if it is a bug. This bug will just be around lying dormant to spring up again at another time. If we pass this appropriations to cost the state \$100,000, they find that the vet school project is not a feasible project with the federal government as a partner, then I would suspect that we would kill this vet school issue. We would decide we don't need a vet school at all. We have just passed the idea that maybe we need a vet school. We certainly would, if we want a vet school, we'd want the federal government as a partner and this will give us a look at it with the federal government as a partner. If we don't have it voted this year we will be looking at it without the federal government as a partner.