

advanced LB 204. Now there are those members of the body that say that if you're going to vote for a bill that you've got to bring the A bill along with it. Let me assure you that you can in fact in good conscience vote for LB 204 without having an A bill and I will point out to you that the bill itself, LB 204, and you can get the bill out and read it if you want to. On page 2 of the bill, line 6, it says, the Board of Regents is hereby authorized to enter into agreement with one or more institutions and so forth. On page 3, line 2, it says that the Board of Regents is hereby authorized to construct and operate such facilities as shall be approved by the Legislature and to employ necessary faculty and staff, as shall be approved by the Legislature. That means that they can enter into the agreement. We're giving them the authority to enter into the agreement, but it also says to me that this Legislature shall approve whatever that agreement is and then start expending the funds to operate and employ the necessary faculty and staff, construct the facilities. As I pointed out earlier we have already expended \$582,000 in the last few years for the idea of a regional school of veterinary medicine which never developed. I think for a change it is incumbent on this Legislature to get the cart out in front of the horse, to make the deal first and then start expending the money. And if anybody really believes that the Legislature, that the University does not have enough funds or enough people to even talk to other state or other institutions without having more funds, then you think they've got a lot tighter operations than I do. It was mentioned that we have followed this dream or this myth for a long period of time. I mentioned this yesterday. Let me quote to you from our statutes, 95-181 of the Statutes of the State of Nebraska. Here is what it says. "The Board of Regents may establish such requirements for admission to the Nebraska School of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery and for continued study therein as such board shall see fit." The Nebraska School of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery. That law went into the books in 1955, 30 years ago. Now it has been suggested that I am opposed to any type of agreement for veterinary medicine and that is totally false. Five years ago I brought to this body a suggestion to do exactly what 204 is suggesting that we do and I at that time had an A bill right with that idea, an A bill of \$3 million as I recall. Senator Lamb says nobody opposed this bill in committee. Suddenly good ideas that people talked about five years ago become logical. He also said that this is