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much less cost. Well it's not if you read the A bill. It's a total of up to \$18 million and we're giving them a check to do it. We don't even know what the agreement is going to be but we're still going to start down the road to expending more funds. I am committed and I told the people when they brought this idea to me that if you will cut those funds down to the neighborhood of \$5 to \$6 million I will fight for that A bill and we will pass it, but we will spend the money in the State of Nebraska. We don't need to continue that idea of money growing on the cherry trees in Washington, about it being manna from heaven and that we can justify a \$14 million or \$18 million construction of a great wonderful cow barn because we're getting federal funds. Now I'm sure there are a lot of folks in this body that have no idea what a clinical facility of veterinary medicine looks like, but I can tell you I've been in some of them. I've been in them and we don't need an \$18 million facility in the State of Nebraska to do it. Other people have suggested that we have started projects that do not benefit agriculture and this benefits agriculture. I have got an amendment come to the capital construction bill that I suggested the other day that's going to attempt to set back...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Half a minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...the construction on the Lied Center, on the Animal Science Complex, things that we really haven't started yet because I don't think we can afford it now. A vote to kill this bill is not a vote against agriculture. It's not a vote against the livestock industry. A vote for this bill, for LB 402A is a vote to continue spending more dollars at the federal level, to continue having the interest rates high. It's a vote actually against agriculture to start down this road in my opinion and I know I don't know a whole lot about it. I just simply go out there and do it all the time. I think we've got to be realistic. We cannot afford to start down the road of another \$18 million expenditure and that's exactly what LB 204A does. I ask you to kill the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the indefinite postponement of LB 204A. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. A simple majority. Have you all voted that care to? Have you all voted? There are two absent. Record, Mr. Clerk.