

of that. This is the issue we talked about this morning. I would ask you to reconsider that action of removing that \$139,980 from this bill for the purpose of coordinating a college of veterinary medicine which as I indicated to you this morning we have spent over 500 and some 70 some thousand dollars over the past several years of doing it and still haven't achieved anything yet. So I would ask for the motion to reconsider that action that we turned that down this morning. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members, I once again rise to warn you of the intentions that Senator Vickers has in deleting these funds. I simply would reiterate my earlier speech by saying that the project is there. It is, I think, coming along to a point where we can accept it, or at least I hope a majority of the members in this Legislature can accept it. To take the funding away now I think would be a serious mistake and one that I think we need to continue to have, if in fact we are committing ourselves to building a vet school in this state, and with that I just urge you once again to reject Senator Vickers's motion. I am not sure the votes are here but I do feel that it is important that we have made a commitment as Senator Vickers has indicated of nearly a half a million dollars and I think we are at a point now where we can really see this particular project be funded and built, and I think it is an investment that we should continue to have and one that I hope that this body will see through because certainly it is a difficult proposition based on the economy of this state this year but it is one that in maybe 10, 15 years we are going to be sadly disappointed at our actions because we have given up on a project that was so near to being completed.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Lamb, but, Senator Lamb, may I get a little more attention for you first. (Gavel.) Could we hold the conversation down so that we can hear Senator Lamb please. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. Senator Vickers referred to the bull. Well, if you are reading Senator Pappas's book which tells all about a lot of Senators here, what he is talking about is Senator Vickers used to be a rodeo performer and it tells in there about one time he was injured because he bumped heads with a bull and