

amendment. Please vote so we can get going, please. (Gavel.) I'll need a little more cooperation than I'm getting at the moment if we are going to move along today and get out at a decent hour, not that that is important. I certainly would appreciate your voting if you care to. Record, Mr. Clerk. Thank you.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Rod Johnson's amendment to Senator Miller's amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Rod Johnson amendment to the Miller amendment is adopted. Now we are back to the Miller amendment. Senator Miller.

SENATOR MILLER: The way this amendment reads right now is that there are no state appropriations. I would like to clear some things in your mind to see...so that you could understand both sides of the issue. I know where Senator Vickers is standing, and I agree with him. We just disagree on how we should go about it. We both agree that we should study the issue before we decide whether we are going to have a vet school or not. But I would...we disagree on the point that I would rather study it knowing that we have the federal government as a partner if we decide to do it. Senator Vickers, you can straighten me out if I am wrong, but I think that his reasoning is that he would not like to have any pressure to study it or not to study it. I'm saying that the federal government...the fact that if we do go ahead and decide to do the vet school that the federal government will be a partner to the tune of 50 percent. In order to begin the process of having the federal funds in there, Senator Virginia Smith has said that she needs some kind of an indication that we are beginning to look at it this year, so that she can hold the federal monies. You all know how long we've had those federal monies and how long they've been sitting there. We are going to come in with 204 which eliminates all of the regional vet school idea and gives the Board of Regents the ability to contract with the approval of the Legislature. Nothing can be done except with the approval of the Legislature. Senator Beyer behind me said this is just exactly how all those commissions got started that we eliminated yesterday, and that is not true. We have not decided to start the vet school project. We are studying it to see if we do start it. Yes, there are...and I answered Senator Warner's question wrong. There are appropriations in the future for this project, but we all