

know that this Legislature cannot bind any further Legislatures, and that there will be no monies expended until there is the actual decision to go ahead and do it. That actual decision cannot be made until we know what kind of a deal we can get with another college, until we know the monies it is going to cost. My position is that while we are deciding to do that we should keep the federal government as a partner in case we decide to do it. I don't want to spend the federal monies unless it is absolutely necessary. I won't spend them unless it is absolutely necessary. I'm not in favor of establishing a vet school unless we can do it, unless there is a need for it. I want to say that establishing the vet school is not going to produce any more veterinarians. It won't produce any more veterinarians than we are producing now. But if we decide to have a vet school it will be an investment in the future to foster the largest industry that we have in the state. All of those factors have to come in and be decided upon, all the federal grants that will be available, all the monies that are spent now to send people out of state, the financial condition of this state a year from now.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR MILLER: We'll have a better chance to look at it. Maybe it won't be any different, maybe it will be worse than it is. I can't predict that. Maybe it will be better. Maybe we'll get a real good contract. Maybe there will be a federal grant that will make it more feasible to do. But I'm saying that we should adopt this amendment. It commits us to nothing, no future spending until we decide to do it, but it does insure the federal government as a partner if we decide to do it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. Clerk, we have an amendment, do we?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Pappas would move to amend Senator Miller's amendment. (See Pappas amendment on page 2574 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, this is a relatively simple, cost-savings amendment, for if the vet college ever becomes reality, and if construction ever does take place, my amendment simply inserts the words and