

expenditure for '87-88 through '90-91 that is construction money. That probably we've always been told is necessary to encourage the federal commitment. Now you understand I'm not on the side of the vet college. I think I can say at least the vet college does not appear in an appropriation bill anywhere. It was my position that the whole issue should be resolved within the confines of 204 and 204A. I can't really support, personally, the Miller amendment as it is written. But you should understand if you vote for Senator Vickers' amendment, and I think I will, then you are killing the vet college. I want to tell you why. I'm taking my direction on this issue from the amendment that was offered by Senator Vickers on 722 that struck the \$139,000 plus out of the University's budget, for instance, for the curriculum portion of the planning. I'm taking my direction that the body, at that point, and I did not support that by the way, I am taking my direction that at that point the majority of you decided the vet college would not be in operation. Now if that is wrong, I guess this is the place to find it. But I don't think there is any doubt but what if you don't put in future funding it certainly will not enhance the possibility of federal funds. I guess what you are really doing is making the decision this morning on whether it will be pursued or not. Again, I would rather do it in 204, but I guess we are going to do it here.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, I would... I guess I would support the Vickers amendment to cut down the funding, but then I'm going to vote against the amendment as amended because I think we shouldn't lead on the supporters of that college any longer. The sort of cuts that were adopted, not by me but by a majority in this body, but nevertheless represents the will of this Legislature, would have the University severely financially strapped. It seems to me that to now talk about adding another college, what ever hope you dangle out there is not fair. I think it is false hope. I think we ought to consider completely eliminating the vet college, the money in the budget for the staffing, the money in the budget for the future, for financing and just forget the whole thing because we can't afford it any longer. We can't even keep what we have operating at a decent level. I think that is the whole basic, philosophical question we've got to ask. If we can't