

keep what we've got, how can we add to it a questionable program that has been controversial from the beginning. If it was a clear-cut new program, something clearly in the best interest of the state, I'm not going to be against funding. I have some ideas about what would be good in that regard. But this is one that has great controversy, great concern, great questions about it, and at the same time we are cutting back on programs I think are long-term programs, many times justified over the years. It doesn't make any sense to go forward. So I'm going to support the Vickers motion, vote against any attempt to put money back in this budget. I think we are misleading the public to continue to hold out any hope whatsoever on the vet college because we can't afford it, not in the times we are in and not with the budget we are about to pass.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pappas, please.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I'll agree with some of the statements Senator Vickers said earlier. I don't think people really realize what they are voting on here and what the ramifications could be further down the road, especially in light of the amendment I brought forth I'm surprised that Senator Warner opposed it because Senator Warner controls the purse strings very well. He knows very well it would save the state a tremendous amount of money. We are, basically, looking at a potential commitment and building program of \$15 million plus, in years to come, on this particular issue. I think it is one thing we should look at very closely and very closely where these monies are going to go. Because of those reasons I'll support Senator Vickers' amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Miller, please.

SENATOR MILLER: Well, I think, Senator Pappas, you hit it right on the head when you said potential. We need to look at it and see if there is a potential there. But I would sure rather look at it to see if it was potentially possible with the federal government as a partner. It is going to be much more potentially possible with the federal government as a partner than with it not being a partner. Senator Wesely says this is a time when we are cutting back certain parts of the University and we should not be hanging a candle out there...or a carrot out there to establish new departments at the University. I say that there are some