

here to look into it further. If we take this off of the amendment that Senator Vickers wants to do, it will just about kill what they want to do. I feel that we should not do this. We should stand behind them. If it proves that it isn't going to do, so be it. As far as further funding, it is up to this Legislature. But I want you to know that the cattle industry has saved many, many farmers across this state. One other thing I might like to add, I feel that the bankers across the State of Nebraska have eroded many of our farm people by telling them to sell off their livestock. What do they have left? There is no profit in raising grain. They should sell their machinery, but let them keep their cattle so at least they've got something. But, no, they want to get their money. They make them sell their cattle and they have to close down. The cattle industry in my area is what holds us together. We are still paying some income tax. I feel that we need to do this. I'd like to share with you one individual that is from my community who has put \$500 into this kitty to support this. It was hard earned dollars. Last year he didn't make a thing. He didn't pay any income tax because of the situation, yet he sees the need to help our industry. I think further study is very important. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I think a couple of my good friends, Senator Miller and Senator Sieck, are...must be getting some of the drugs from the vet supplies or something if they believe, if they really believe that the livestock industry, number one, supports it and, number two, needs it. Now it may come as some surprise to some of you to know that I think I know a little something about the livestock industry. I'll tell you what, those darned old cows of mine are not going to eat or grow one bit better whether there is a vet school in this state or any other state, for that matter. I'm getting kind of tired of hearing those arguments about how the livestock industry needs this, the livestock industry needs it and the State of Nebraska needs it because we are number one or number two in total numbers of cattle in the nation. How did we get number one or number two without a vet school, for crying out loud, if we need it so darned bad? Those cows eat grass, they don't eat veterinarians. We've got a lot of grass. That is what makes this state large in