

presume to be speaking for Senator DeCamp but the issue that Senator Higgins raises is one that I think most of us would recognize that know the federal government has not made the commitment to buy Curtis or to have us give Curtis to them. I think it just came up very quickly anyhow. Secondly, I want to remind you that those funds, as I understand them, are for capital construction only. So I don't think it would do any good giving them the facilities that are out there and saying, here, you don't have to build anything now because we wouldn't get the money anyhow. Thirdly, the whole concept of a cooperative program in veterinary education was something that I was talking about about six years ago. It was rather interesting for me to go to that meeting Friday and find out that everybody in the world loves it now. A lot of those folks out there thought it was the worst idea in the world when I first came up with it. I think it is a great idea. But we've got to recognize that in veterinary education if you're going to a clinical program you've got to have some animals to work on and the way the economy is going I'm not sure how many cows are going to be left out around Curtis. But there is always going to be a bunch of them around the Meat Animal Research Center. That is where the program is going to be made and Senator Lamb made that point, they need to have a lot of other support services, cows being one of those support services. Secondly, I want to tell you, because Senator Haberman raised the question, about perhaps a duplication of services as far as agricultural education is concerned at Curtis as opposed to the tech schools. He mentioned specifically a program that the tech schools are offering right now in terms of financial planning for farmers. Well, I'll tell you the school at Curtis caters to the traditional college age student, it is not adult programs, it is college age students, it's people who hope to be farmers or ranchers or to go into ag related businesses. They are not in the business of providing financial planning or ag training, whether it be mechanical or economics, to people engaged in the business already, adults. There are two different ages of population they are dealing with. So the programs offered at the tech schools as opposed to the ones offered at Curtis, even though the titles might be the same, they are totally different programs because of the content of the students that are taking them. Now you can't expect some farmer, who lives in the northeastern part of the state, to go clear to Curtis to be...to learn how to put together a cash flow statement. By the same token you can't expect the