

operating it. You know, once you get that \$200,000 house built you've got to have enough money to pay for the utilities. You've got to have enough money to pay for the paint. You've got to have enough money to afford to live in it. That's all I'm telling you. I hope that this Legislature is willing to make those commitments down the road because it is going to cost money. I don't care what the A bill says, I don't care what those people tell you, that we're going to just simply reallocate those monies that are going to train our veterinary students now. I have said all along that that was not going to be true and I'm going to say it one more time and you're going to be able to look up in the record later on in a few years and find out if it's the case. It's going to cost us more money to have our own facility, even if it's a joint facility and we'd better be ready to make that commitment. I think that's what we're doing. I'm willing to make it. I hope that the rest of you are as well. Now as to the issue of food processing. I want to tell you a little quick story and I'm not going to respond to Senator Rupp's Initiative 300 debate because I think that's a separate issue. I will debate that separately, Senator Rupp. I don't think that we're really holding out all those folks, but I would suggest...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...to you that the Food Processing Center is maybe not going to do quite as much as we'd like to do either. I've got a friend of mine who has a food processing operation. He has developed a new process to treat hamburger, but he is nervous, really nervous about taking that process to the Food Processing Center and let them help him develop it because he thinks he might be able to patent his process. He thinks he may be able to patent his process, so he is going to begin to try to do it himself and as somebody who has been involved with small business before, developing things that may be patentable, it makes you really nervous when you start bringing in other "experts" to help you. So I think we need to recognize that there is not going to be a great rush by some of the entrepreneurs, if I can use that term, that we probably need. And I agree with Senator Rod Johnson, that we shouldn't lose track of the idea that processing our food in itself is not going to put more profit in our agricultural producers pockets and that we are going to be in a situation where in spite of the monies we've put in it, the results