

you are going to wonder why we did it and how. I was one of those persons yesterday who suggested there not be a salary increase for state employees. I did so reluctantly. But we continue to provide brick and mortar structures and we do not give perhaps the emphasis we should give to the people who eventually must make those structures feasible in the first place. So I would hope that you would take this in the spirit in which I offer it. It is not condemnatory, it is not accusatory, but I think it should be said, because there are going to be many statements made about the laudable goals of this bill, and I would just want to caution you that if you think this is going to get us out of the doldrums and on the road to prosperity then you better find yourself another pony because this one is not going to get that job done in the manner in which you expect it to. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I'd just like to stand up and say ditto to what Senator Schmit just said. I guess what I would like to add to that is that I would hope that those people outside of this body, those people back of the glass doors and those organizations who have supported the concepts of the vet school, of the expansion of the food processing center, I hope that those people will be there, in the same place, supporting the necessary resources and the raising of those resources to fully staff, and fully fund, and fully operate those facilities once we get them built. I think that is what Senator Schmit was saying, and I want to echo that because I think too often, too often those people who apply the pressure to all of us, and we all feel that pressure, too often those people take the short-term view and say, you know, this little piece of the action that we want is wonderful, but when the bill comes due, when the bill comes due sometimes they are not too willing to put up the funds or to help those of us who are trying to make those funds. I want to again point out that we've traveled this road before. I wasn't here when the diagnostic labs were started, but I've gone through that long struggle of trying to get the funds to fully staff them and fully make them operational. I'm not sure that they are fully that way yet. It is very similar to what we are going through with all of higher education. This morning the Education Committee met with some of the members of the faculty at the university. They have some concerns, as they