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SENATOR KELLY: Were not talking about the medical school  
were talking about residencies.

SENATOR MILLS: Senator Kelly, I beg your pardon. You said that the reason that we couldn't fill those slots was because we didn't have enough people. Are you aware, my question is that are you aware that were graduating from medical school two years classes. A three and a four year which has a definite bearing on the amount of house officers at the University of Nebraska Medical School. This is the question that I want to know that if you have or if someone on the appropriations committee could answer that if there is a definite bearing between those two?

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Mills, you are well aware that our residencies are filled by graduating doctors from the medical school and you are also aware that our residencies are filled by doctors that have graduated from other medical schools. You are aware that graduates from the medical school go to residencies in Illinois or California or where have you and do not except this school with residencies and medical schools.

SENATOR MILLS: I'm sorry Senator Kelly that you don't understand what I understand, and I understand how long it takes to get through medical school. They have a new program and it takes 3 years. They have a program that takes 4 years. After and upon graduation then they apply for house residency. This is what I am asking you, is if you are aware that they are graduating a 3 year class and a 4 year class and because of this one year lasp that if this did not change something in the house offer acceptance in that program. I am sorry but I can't portray it to you to answer that question.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Mills you portray it real well. Now remember that this is a bill from the University of Nebraska medical college brought to your health and welfare committee and at no time, at no time, in the presentation of that bill by the medical center, or at anytime up until this moment when I asked Senator Marvel this question was the fact that the graduating seniors out of medical school or the fact that they had surplus funds in residency or any of these matters never entered the conversation on LB571. It is a brand new revelation to everyone that is listening to this bill.

SENATOR MILLS: That is exactly my point Senator Kelly. It seemed very strange to me that here we are on Final Reading coming up too, and I know that there are several people in this body that have opposed this bill, know something about it, and have watched and talked to people, have made phone calls and could not understand that maybe there were some openings that were not filled or extra money. I assumed that all of these things were.....I didn't ask the question, because I am for the bill. I am for the total concept of creating family practice residencies and I am also in favor of increasing residencies in our medical college. As Senator Koch so well said, it would be very naive of us living in western Nebraska, sparsely populated Nebraska to think that we can get all of these people to move out there. We can not. Their wives do not want to move out there. But if we