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SENATOR SIMON: It is the same cost?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes. That is what I understand. Now the prices might be different, but it is anywhere from three to four hundred dollars. They are only there for one day. Some of them go in the morning and are out by early afternoon. If there are any complications they stay from three to five days.

SENATOR SIMON: Let me just get one thing....

SENATOR LABEDZ: Okay.

SENATOR SIMON:.....clear in my mind, and then I'll sit down. Alright, you have the cost for the hospital you said was three to four hundred dollars, and you said also that at the university it cost three to four hundred also?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes.

SENATOR SIMON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President, members of the legislature. I rise in support of the Labedz amendment. It bothers me as a tax payer that even one abortion is being performed at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. I have been concerned for a number of reasons and I guess that I have some questions and I'm not sure just exactly who can answer these questions. As I said earlier I am opposed to even one abortion and if it were up to me I would not allow a single abortion to be performed at the University Medical Center. But, subsequently I realize how the courts have ruled and they say that you have to have a certain number of abortions for the purposes of a balanced curriculum. Of course, I know that the court has said that it will be up to you the Board of Regents to determine what is an appropriate number, in-so-far as a balanced curriculum is concerned. I would hope that it would be up to us as members of this legislature to determine what would be a figure, a number in terms of the number of abortions that should be or would be performed at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. I guess I remain concerned and that is simply because I don't know anything about the policies permitting abortions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. So, Mr. President, I have two questions if anyone here on the floor of the legislature could answer, I would certainly appreciate any input that they could give.

PRESIDENT: You mean you want Senator Labedz to answer a question.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well again Mr. President, I'm not sure that Senator Labedz would be able to , I guess that I would simply address this question to anyone in the body, whoever....

PRESIDENT: Is it a factual or a rhetorical?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Okay, question number one is this. Does anyone know what the policies or what the policy is in-so-far as permitting abortions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center is concerned?

PRESIDENT: Does anyone know? It is negative.

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