

education is one thing, but underwriting graduate and professional education I think is entirely another. I think it is particularly appropriate to call for a medical school tuition increase from 3,100 to \$3,980 for first and second year students when you consider how lucrative a profession medicine can be, when you consider that the actual cost to the taxpayers in putting a medical student...the total cost is clearly substantially greater than that. Now to me \$2,800, which they are paying this year, \$3,100 which they would pay next year under 722 is a tremendous bargain. Imagine getting a medical school education at one of the finest medical schools in the Midwest for \$3,100. It seems to me we are entirely justified in raising it to almost \$4,000 a year which will still bring it more than \$6,000 below the tuition charged at Creighton, a private institution also in the Omaha area. Now other considerations, a substantial number of medical school graduates, of course, leave the state so we are educating people that are not going to practice medicine in Nebraska. On the need side, medical students and needy medical students and needy law students traditionally get loans to underwrite their professional education. If you are going to medical school or you are going to law school, it is not that difficult to get a loan to leave you with a 40 or 50 or \$60,000 debt when medical school is over. I mean, virtually anyone who is going to enter one of the lucrative professions like law and medicine quite readily can get a loan to finance his professional education and bank records...I mean the experience the banks have show that people in those professions are able to pay those loans off quite readily and quite quickly. Again, I think that we have been offering medical school education at a steal in Nebraska for all these years and that raising the tuition of first and second year students from 3100 to \$3,980...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Half minute.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: ...for third and fourth year students from 4,100 to \$5,300 a year, considering all the laboratory facilities, the low student faculty ratio necessitated in medical school, and all the other factors, considering the amount of money physicians can make in society if they are willing to work hard at it, makes it a tremendous bargain.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.