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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner, do you want to speak to the Maresh amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I rise to oppose this. As I recall the tuition for Med School I believe goes up twenty...I believe it's twenty percent already, and there is a part of the President's war on inflation includes limitations on increases in tuition. There can be some exceptions if over half the cost is from tax funds, but... and I don't recall the exact change that might be when over half the money is from tax funds, but in any event it would appear to me that approximately a twenty percent increase in tuition in one year ought to be adequate. I would oppose the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely, do you wish to be recognized on the motion?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to rise in support of the Maresh amendment. I wanted to inform you that in discussions I had with representatives from the State of Wisconsin wherein the Legislature there told me that they found some potential solutions to their problems with getting rural health providers to locate in that state, and one of the things they did was similar to what Senator Maresh is suggesting and that is raise tuition to about \$10,000 actually, which is very high, very expensive, but they had a clause in there that if they returned to the state and practiced in a rural community they would have that money refunded in certain degrees and different blocks for certain places where there was a low manpower need for doctors. And so there are things that we could be doing to effectuate some change in rural health delivery by using the tuition system and then having some write-offs for returning to this state and practicing in this state, and I think that it's a good idea and I think perhaps Senator Maresh's amendment would put the University on notice that we think that there is some merit in that possibility. It wouldn't exactly set up the program, but I think it would put the University on notice and I support that.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Thank you, Mr. President. I have to speak against the Maresh amendment. We all know that the federal government has served notice recently that they are going to eliminate their support for medical students. Therefore, their cost of education will increase substantially already. Now if we want to come up with some kind of a program for