

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am sorry I did not have the amendment reproduced. I didn't think there was time to do it to have it passed out but I think Senator Cullan has indicated he would support it and this is what it does. First, it retains the concept of the one cent increase in the cigarette tax. Secondly, it would be deposited to the general fund. Third, the language would require that the Legislature appropriates a portion of it to the Eppley Research Center. The A bill will carry a \$500,000 amount. The balance of the amount would then be appropriated, instead of a new board that was created by the bill, it would be directly appropriated to the Department of Health which the director then could award grants for research only relating to cancer and smoking associated diseases and those grants would only be made to institutions of postsecondary education which have a college of medicine within the university and, essentially, as a practical matter that would within the state include only Creighton University and the University of Nebraska but they would be able to award those grants to any appropriate department, such as maybe chemistry as well as the medical schools if that was appropriate, but it always would be governed by the level of appropriation that was approved by the Legislature as far as the total amount. As indicated, Senator Cullan said he could support this concept and I think it does give us reasonable legislative control over the use of these funds that targets through the appropriation process the funds for research purposes for disease prevention and control and I would hope the body would adopt it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, do you want to speak to the Warner motion? Senator Kahle. Senator Koch, do you wish to speak to the Warner amendment? Senator Dworak, do you want to speak to the Warner amendment? Okay.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, Senator Warner, I have no objection basically to the amendment. I have several questions that I would like in the record for clarification. Number one, the \$500,000 that will be appropriated through the A bill will have to be reappropriated each year, is that correct? Mr. Speaker, if I could have Senator Warner's microphone, please, if he would yield to a question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, Mr. President, the answer is, yes, that it would have to be appropriated. The specific language in the authorization merely says that a portion to