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be determined by the Legislature would be appropriated to the University of Nebraska...the University of Nebraska Eppley Institute for Research in cancer and allied diseases and the level that I am suggesting that would be in the A bill would be \$500,000.

SENATOR DWORAK: So next year that could be more or that could be less.

SENATOR WARNER: Next year or this year, too.

SENATOR DWORAK: The second slight reservation I have, Senator Warner, is I am questioning whether we ought to be so specific that research must be cancer related. In other words, are we tying our hands to the extent that if there is truly a worthwhile research project that either Eppley or the University of Nebraska Med Center or whatever post-secondary education facility would get it but not cancer related, I wonder if we shouldn't broaden that just to medical research. That bothers me that we just may be tying ourselves, tying our hands a little tightly and that we may want to have the flexibility to expand to other unrelated areas and I see Senator Cullan would like to address that, and so if I could, Mr. Speaker, if Senator Cullan would yield to that question please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan, do you yield?

SENATOR CULLAN: Yes, I do. Thank you, Senator Dworak. I appreciate it. The research is limited to not only cancer but it is also smoking related diseases and that means diseases whose causes are linked to smoking, and that includes but not limited to cardiovascular, pulmonary, and gastrointestinal diseases, and so there is a tremendously wide range of diseases that are definitely linked to smoking, and so it is not only cancer but smoking related diseases. So there are many projects that could...many medical areas for which these funds could be used.

SENATOR DWORAK: I wouldn't attempt to do this now at this particular point but I wonder if there would be any objections on Select File to striking smoking related diseases...any medical research that this board would deem appropriate. Senator Cullan, would you have an objection to that?

SENATOR CULLAN: Well, we have eliminated the board and for that reason I think....

SENATOR DWORAK: The Department of Health.