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I would be supporting the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I rise to support the proposed amendment which Senator Warner has presented to this body this morning which needs to be adopted to LB 506. This is a worthy endeavor. I compliment the persons who have worked on this type of legislation and I would like to be able to support 506, with this amendment feel that I can do so. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I would like to introduce two groups of people before we continue. Seated under the North balcony, it is my privilege to introduce Fern Shomberg from Senator Burrows' office and her daughter-in-law, Karen Shomberg, grandson, Michael Shomberg, and also Adam Stern from Senator Marsh's District. They are all seated under the North balcony. Would you raise your hand so we can see where you are? And from Senator Schmit's District, 23 eighth grade students and 5 sponsors from Osceola Public Schools, Osceola, Nebraska, Mrs. Jean Peterson, teacher, and they are in the South...where are you? They were in the South balcony. Senator Warner, do you wish to speak to the bill or should we go on and come back to you. Senator Vard Johnson, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise in opposition to the Warner amendment and I can appreciate Senator Cullan supporting the amendment because he certainly wants his important bill to carry but the amendment itself, in my opinion, dilutes some of the basic good concepts of the bill. In the first place we don't have the amendment on our desk nor is it printed in the Journal so that means we have to go up front to read exactly what it says. What it says is that the one cent sales tax or the one cent cigarette tax can be sent to two institutions, the University of Nebraska and Creighton. Now it doesn't name the University of Nebraska nor does it name Creighton but it just says simply the money only can be distributed to postsecondary education facilities that have a medical school. Well, there are only two medical schools in the State of Nebraska, one with Creighton and one with the University of Nebraska. Now I think if we are in the issue...if we are in the business of research, there is no reason why some research can't be done at Kearney State College because they have chemists, they have biologists, they have environmentalists, or some research can't be done at Chadron State College or Peru State College or even at private institutions, such as, Doane, Nebraska