

relative to the A bill the funds for this year and this year only, the A bill as you recall reflects the enabling legislation which is permissive as far as the use of the tax that is collected, the enabling legislation permits up to \$500,000 for Eppley, the amount to be determined each session of the Legislature. It could be anywhere from zero to that, a maximum of that, and then the balance that would be collected from the one cent, anywhere from zero up to the balance, went to the Department of Health to be awarded in the way of grants as you have been discussing or contracts. What this amendment would do is take \$300,000 of that \$900,000 for this year only appropriating to the Medical Center for research specifically in the area of heart stress related diseases, smoking related diseases. Some of the members here may remember several years ago the Legislature took a very active part in encouraging and expanding the role of this research area that is unique for Nebraska. There are considerable national publicity in medical journals, at least I have a copy of one here on my desk, of what they have done in this area. The amendment then would for this year only place \$300,000 to the Medical Center to be used in these related areas and I thought it was an opportunity for the Legislature, since the money all is to be used for heart and cancer research in any event, that it was an opportunity to once again reaffirm the interest of the body in this particular aspect of research and unique research that the Medical Center has been doing and that is the purpose of the amendment, for one year only, and I would move its adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to...Senator Cullan, I am sorry.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the Warner amendment to LB 506A. First of all, I would like to say that I have the greatest amount of respect for Senator Warner who offers this amendment and is very concerned about stress related diseases in the State of Nebraska. Secondly, I would point out to a number of you that this is an amendment that I started to visit with you about privately. This amendment, I know former Senator Dave Tews has visited with a number of you about this amendment as well. The real purpose of the amendment as I understand it is to ensure that the cardiovascular research program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center headed by Dr. Eliot does receive some of these funds. I have certainly no objection to Dr. Eliot having the opportunity to compete for these research funds. That is the purpose of LB 506 and LB 506A, to appropriate that money to the Department of Health so that excellent researchers throughout the State of Nebraska similar to Dr. Eliot can compete for the