

cancer research. This is simply taking the one cent we already earmarked for cancer research and ensuring that part of that would be used to fund the Cancer Registry so that the Cancer Registry would be funded from the one cent which we already earmarked in the cigarette tax bill which has already passed or is on Final Reading or whatever its status might be. So it is not new monies. It is simply funding the Cancer Registry from the one cent the Legislature has already earmarked.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch, he was closing so the question before the House is the return of the bill, LB 212 for a specific amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: The bill is returned. Now on the amendment, Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: I move the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch. Senator Koch, did you want to talk on the amendment?

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I have been supporting this Registry but this afternoon I had a staff member call my personal physician who is interested in this business of cancer as almost anyone else because this physician has overcome the disease and I asked him for some information and this is what he provided me and I have known him for a good many years and I doubt that he would provide me with bad information. Presently there are thirteen cancer registry programs in Scottsbluff, Kearney, Hastings, Lincoln and Omaha. In addition to this the additional cancer registry programs are going to come on in Norfolk, Grand Island, Hastings, North Platte and Fremont. He goes on to say, that presently this can be funded with \$5,000 put up by the AMA and he feels that 90% of the cases will be reported. Now if someone here who supports this program strongly can refute this, then I'll have to say to my own personal physician that he is probably not accurate. So I don't care where the money comes from. I get a little tired of the cigarette tax always being picked for the culprit about everything we do because it is easy for those that don't smoke to stand up here and say we're going to pick it one more time but since I am still one of those people undisciplined in smoking then I guess that I'm going to have to pay the price. More important to me though is not this. The fact is, the question remains if the AMA is