

support of Senator Baack's motion to override the veto. You could look at it and say it looks like a rural issue or an issue that does not impact folks in the urban areas, but there is a direct impact as far as I'm concerned with regard to this program and the positive impact that it has on the med center because it is a relationship that is beneficial on both ends. Not only does it provide for the residency in rural areas where doctors are much needed, but it also provides for students in the med center when there oftentimes are not opportunities there. I mean it is a relationship that is one where everybody makes out well and I think to say that you want to veto the money out so that I guess we cut cost, to me it just doesn't make sense especially in light of the fact that the med center found \$600,000 for the pharmacy school. I find it difficult to believe that they can't come up with the dollar figures in the Baack override motion to go ahead and fund this program, continue to fund it for the other year. I think that it is vital that we continue to do this. I think it makes sense for not only the folks who are going to benefit by the residency, but also for the med center because without having the direction that Senator Baack would give them through the intent language, there is a situation where you're on again, off again because nobody is going to argue at some point in time, the committee clearly did not, when they put it into the budget, that this is a vital program that needs to be funded. I would hope that there would be strong support from the members of the urban area because I think that this is just as important for us as it is for our rural counterparts. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Coordsen is next, but may I introduce a guest of Senator Ashford. Under the south balcony we have a guest, Mark Blazek, who is a graduating senior, was starting safety on the NU football team. Mark, would you stand and let us welcome you. Our pleasure to have you with us this morning. Thank you. Senator Coordsen, followed by Senator Moore.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support this. I understand how the budget bill works and I understand that this is basically the restoration of intent language that when we override this veto we're saying to university med center, we're saying to the State of Nebraska that we do believe in family practice medicine and family practice medicine most certainly is not limited to rural areas although many of us, myself in particular I think, can relate