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LB 52, 400

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move to amend the bill. (Haberman amendment can be found on pages 1442-45 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. Members...Mr. President, members of the body, this enhances LB 400. This bill allows the University of Nebraska medical college to grant six seniors, and six juniors free enrollment in the medical school. This piece of legislation does not call for any state tax dollars. I passed out this amendment, this morning, for you to look at, and it says, "It is the intent of the Legislature that no General Funds shall be expended for the medical education scholarship program. The medical center shall seek private sources of financing or federal funding for scholarships authorized in this section." I also passed out a sheet showing you how much money was in the University of Nebraska annual foundation report, and it's \$180,900,000 in the foundation. These scholarships would cost the medical school approximately \$60,000 to handle them. It gives the Nebraska Rural Health Authority, the Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission, which is addressed in LB 400, the authority to set up rules and regulations and pick these 12 doctors to receive these scholarships. They will be based on the students interest in primary care, especially family practice, the likelihood that the student will serve an underserved area of the state, a satisfactory academic record of the student, an indication of support for the student from one or more communities in an underserved area of the state, and other indicators of the possible success that students may have in completing his or her medical education and serving one of the underserved areas of the state. These are the rules and guidelines, the same that are in LB 400. The Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission will determine which are the underserved rural areas. This is LB 52, which is presently held in the committee. It merely says that 12 scholarships will be granted. The Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission will follow through those, see that they conform to the rules and regulations, and the University of Nebraska medical college will pick up the tab, no state dollars. I ask for your vote to amend LB 400 to include the education scholarship programs that are mentioned in my amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Mr. Clerk, do you have an amendment to this amendment by Senator Haberman?