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LB 400

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner would move to amend Senator Haberman's amendment. (Warner amendment may be found on page 1445 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was just reading Senator Haberman's amendment, heard him indicate there would be no General Funds available for these scholarships. I'm not sure how one could direct some foundation to...by passing a statute to implement it, but it's probably a very good idea to encourage these scholarships. But it would be more meaningful, if the Legislature was willing to fund it. So my amendment is on page 2. It just says, "It is the intent of the Legislature that" instead of no General Funds, it would say that "General Funds shall be expended for the medical education scholarships", and strikes "the medical center shall seek private sources for the scholarships. Obviously, they could do it without the amendment, but it seems like it would be more meaningful if we were using General Funds, which we obviously could direct. That's the purpose of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Discussion on the Warner amendment? Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, Senator...or Mr. Speaker and members. I would challenge the germaneness of this amendment. LB 400 is a bill that is regulated by the Department of Health. And the Haberman amendment deals with the Board of Regents and the Nebraska Medical Center. The Haberman amendment doesn't even fit into LB 400. LB 400 is a rural health bill, which operates, like I said, under the Department of Health and the Rural Health Manpower Commission. So it doesn't even fit into LB 400, even though it deals with rural health. It has nothing to do with the university, the original bill. So I would challenge if it is really germane to this bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schellpeper, I think, you know, procedurally what we're going to have to do here is you're questioning the germaneness of Senator Haberman's amendment.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Right.

SPEAKER BAACK: But right now, technically, we are on Senator