

objected to by the pharmacists association, and Senator Ashford has asked me to have the amendment withdrawn at this time, pending further discussion. But that is the issue, and it may come back yet this session. But at this point he's asked that the amendment be withdrawn.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Moore would move to amend the bill. (Moore amendment appears on page 2064 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, this amendment to LB 703 is actually another one of those issues where action of the Appropriations Committee requires a change in statute. And I guess we did not introduce a bill this time. It's a little smaller than that, though. Basically, what this relates to is the cancer registry. Presently the Health Department contracts with the Nebraska Medical Foundation, which subcontracts with Methodist Hospital to maintain the registry. The Medical Foundation requested an additional \$56,000 for a couple of reasons. And the amount of money available to fund the registry has not been adequate to cover the actual costs of the cancer registry. And so there's an estimated short-fall of \$11,000 next year. The Medical Association has also requested \$45,000 to allow the registry to obtain and analyze outpatient cases and cases from the VA hospitals. And if you add the VA hospital's case load to the registry, they'd add approximately 912 new cases each year. The Appropriations Committee, presently there is a \$90,000...the amount currently available is \$90,000. Basically, what it is, it's ten percent of the funds generated from one cent of cigarette tax, which cigarette tax...which goes to cancer research, up to ten percent of that can go towards this cancer registry, which is now \$90,000. The Appropriations Committee total recommendation was \$146,000. What the amendment actually does in 703 is actually simply raise that cap on what is allowed to go to the cancer registry from 10 percent to 20 percent. In actuality the committee recommendation that was advanced in the mainline bill yesterday was \$146,000, which is only 16 percent. Just to make it a round number and give us some additional flexibility in future years this amendment increases it to 20 percent, which would, given our present revenue streams, would allow for about \$180,000, even though the