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been working on prevention, including a group called the Legacy Group, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released figures showing 13 percent of 11- to 13-year-olds have used some form of tobacco, the first time that age group has been thoroughly surveyed. More than a third of older teens use tobacco. And then, this is an important part, yet despite the gargantuan size of the tobacco settlement, states have committed only a tiny fraction to efforts to curb youth smoking. I believe this is an opportunity for this state to pass something this session that targets youth...prevention of youth smoking. I appreciate actually the cooperation from a number of people who are concerned in this area. I see this, not as a...in competition with any other piece of legislation. I see this as stand alone. I will be willing to answer questions as far as the funding. The other aspect that I think is important...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

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SENATOR BOHLKE: ...rather in addition to the \$100,000 ad campaign is that every student on that team receives a \$5,000 scholarship to any college in the state of Nebraska. And the sponsoring group, whether it would be a DECA, a debate, speech, English department, the sponsoring group each gets a \$5,000 award. The scholarships are coordinated and administered by the Coordinating Commission; the Department of Education is the agency that provides the...will be doing...working with the schools and the sponsoring groups and working with the committee that will, in the end, make their decision on the winning...the winning proposals that teens bring.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time. Senator Bohlke, you are recognized to open on the committee amendments. (AM2365, Legislative Journal page 637.)

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The committee amendments do a number of things. They, first of all, expand the committee. I had heard from, when we introduced the bill in the Education Committee, from a public health instructor who said that we had not had someone, an instructor in public health from the schools on the committee. I thought that was a