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them. Senator Bourne will bring an amendment, will offer an amendment to make certain that anyone who is unable to afford the vaccination will have it available to them. I feel it's truly a piece of legislation that we need to look favorably upon. I honestly feel that our whole immunization system...we have many other diseases that we should be looking at that need immunization also. These are preventive measures. They aren't measures that cost the state treasury. They're preventive medicine to keep us from the tragedy and the expense of treatment and the loss of family members when they aren't inoculated. This is a step forward for the students and their families in the state of Nebraska. And, colleagues, I would urge your advancement...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BYARS: ...of LB 513.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. You've heard the opening on LB 513. (Doctor of the day introduced.) Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bourne had an amendment, AM0970. Senator, I understand you want to withdraw.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Bourne and Byars would move to amend, AM1193. (Legislative Journal page 1182.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, you're recognized to open on AM1193.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. It's a very simple amendment. If you read the green copy of the bill, it says that an individual can get a waiver, or is exempt from the vaccination, if they receive detailed information on the risk associated with the disease and the availability and effectiveness of any vaccine. And I simply...after testimony in the hearing, it was determined that a vaccination of this nature was about \$70. And the individual from the pharmaceutical company was there, and she indicated that there is a mechanism