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SENATOR BYARS: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And there's nothing that says that this is a prerequisite, obviously, because it deals with only those who are already enrolled. But I will wait and let us get a vote on Senator Bourne's amendment. Then I can continue when we get to the bill itself, because this is my third time. Thank you, Senator Byars. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Redfield, on LB 513.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the body. Could I address some questions to Senator Byars?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes, you may. Senator Byars, would you yield?

SENATOR BYARS: Yes.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Senator Byars, I am looking at an Omaha World-Herald article dated 3-9-03, that you distributed to the floor. And it says here that there have been no identified outbreaks among Nebraska college students, but there were five reported cases of bacterial meningitis among high school students. And my question is, is there a reason why this vaccine would not be given to younger students?

SENATOR BYARS: No.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Then my next question is, why would you address the issue of the bill to college students, when in fact the cases that have occurred in Nebraska have occurred at the high school level? Why wouldn't we be targeting a younger age? Since the vaccine is effective for three to five years, we could cover them through that college freshman year as well.

SENATOR BYARS: The reason for this, because the Center for Disease Control has recommended that, Senator. And the college students are seven times more at risk than those younger