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ask Senator Maresh to yield a minute to him to make sure that I'm not misleading you here. Senator Maresh, could you give us some help here?

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, what we're doing, we're going farther than the original bill to make sure that the bill would be constitutional, that part that Senator Cullan was talking about is excluding Creighton and I have asked for an Attorney General's opinion about three weeks ago and still haven't got a reply but when it does come and if it would allow loans to be made to student...medical students in Creighton, we shall try to get that adopted on Select File. We did a little revising on the repayment of the medical student loans in the Committee amendments, and that's about what the Committee amendments do. The original bill is to get in compliance with the Attorney General's opinion that last year ruled LB 884 unconstitutional and the Attorney General would not approve the rules and regulations as presented by the Rural Health Manpower Commission. I move that the Committee amendment be adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I support Senator Maresh in his efforts to assist in the training of medical students. I believe it's an area that needs to be addressed. I think it's interesting when we view in perspective the amount of money we're spending here...only seventy thousand dollars as contrasted to the three hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars approximately of general fund money that's going to cost to perpetuate a new office such as the state Office of Planning and Programming. I think that Senator Maresh's efforts are very modest and although we don't know how much good they will do, he certainly is justified in trying to address the issue, and I support the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy, do you wish to be recognized, and then I'll recognize Senator DeCamp on the amendment?

SENATOR MURPHY: A question of Senator Maresh. Senator Maresh, the original language relating to interest on the loan after the interest period becomes effective, which is after his education, has that been removed from the bill?

SENATOR MARESH: Well, what it does, it extends the loan