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SENATOR MARSH: Thank you. Senator Murphy did you have another question?

SENATOR MURPHY: The objection...the only objector appeared to be Dr. Prokop, and I wondered what his objection was.

SENATOR MARESH: Dr. Prokop, who is a Regent did not oppose the bill vigorously. He brought in a lot of charts and showed what is happening presently that we're not allowing the rural students to enter school, and I guess now there is a sort of a change in the Admissions Board that they are taking more from the rural area, but he was trying to drive a point home that the Medical Center is not fulfilling the needs of the rural area. I would...I think the Committee would agree that we did not object to it vigorously but wanted to make a point to the Committee.

SENATOR MURPHY: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR MARSH: I recognize Senator DeCamp, who has an amendment to the Committee amendment.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator DeCamp moves to amend the Committee amendment by striking Standing Committee amendment two.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the other day my local doctors at home called up and said, hey, a terrible thing just happened, and I said, what's that, and they said we just got the information on 506 and they left Creighton out of the bill. I said, what's Creighton? And they said, oh. Anyway, Creighton Medical School is left out of the bill. It's my understanding they were left out because there was a feeling that keeping them in would be unconstitutional. I allege and believe that the loans involved in the legislation the way it is now drafted, are loans to the students and are not to the school, and therefore, the student going to Creighton or Nebraska is one and the same and should be entitled to this loan. So, all my amendment does...well, what it does, not all it does, is to eliminate the discrimination against the Creighton Medical School. Now, on the question of constitutionality, I think we should put the amendment on. If there really is a problem, I'd be happy to take it off, or look at it again on Select. I feel absolutely confident...ninety percent confident that the amendment is constitutional,