

area, however, I will vote to override the Governor's veto. As Chairman of the Health Committee of the Legislature, I think it is important that I do rise and point to a problem which I see developing at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and particularly as far as it relates to the Dental College which is located in Lincoln, but which is funded with the Medical Center, that is one of needed staff to avoid accreditation problems that certainly will be developing at the University of Nebraska Dental Center or Dental School if we do not take some action to increase the staff. We have one of the lowest levels of support from the state for the Dental School of any state supported institution in the country, and I believe it is incumbent upon this Legislature if we are going to offer to operate a dental college to make sure that it is a quality institution and to insure that we do not encounter accreditation problems. That requires additional staff and I think that that is why the main reason that I would urge you to override the Governor's veto on this particular issue. In addition, there are very acute problems that the University of Nebraska Medical Center will be facing in the near future as capitation funds formally directed to health care by the federal government are being reduced drastically at the federal level. Those reduced funds are going to result in either fewer programs at the Medical Center, particularly some of those aimed at rural areas which have been recently initiated at the school and perhaps fewer medical health care professional being trained in the state as well as much higher tuition for health care professionals in the state. I am concerned that we are moving to an area where individuals from the lower and middle classes will be caught in very high tuition levels in our professional schools and that that is going to be a very unhealthy situation when people cannot afford to attend some of these institutions. These are things that could happen in the future if we do not support the Medical Center in this area. I believe that we must take into account the loss of capitation funds and the very special needs of the dental school in Lincoln. For those reasons I will support the override attempt on LB 999. I urge you to do likewise.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, we are speaking....

SENATOR DeCAMP: Question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been...where are you. Oh, okay, the question has been called for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.