

accomplish that, they had to amend LB 1 in the University's appropriation. What I am concerned about is what led to the restoration of this money to start a new program. Before I go into that, I would like to ask Senator Warner a question. Senator Warner, when the committee was considering this item, was it their determination that the \$100,000, as years go by, will not increase?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Chambers, it's well understood and it was indicated, you perhaps recall during the regular session, that the beginning of a nursing program in Scottsbluff was 100,000 this year. It was anticipated to be, in the three-year period, approximately \$500,000 expenditure on an annual basis that will, as I recall, will handle around 100 student nurses in the total program.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Warner, I was somewhat distracted, but is your answer that the amount will increase as time goes on?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, by the third year it would be a \$500,000 level and it will handle approximately 100 student nurses.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And now, maybe you mentioned this but I may have missed it, what was the committee's rationale for doing this? And, by way of introduction to that question, I had seen where an interesting contingency arose. The Speaker, who is the Lieutenant Governor-elect, is in disagreement with the Governor-elect, and this is a program that he wants from his district, and in opposing the Governor-elect he is still a senator trying to protect the area from which he comes, which we all understand. So I am wondering if any of that had a bearing on the committee's deliberations and, if not, what caused them to restore this total amount when they were cutting other programs so deeply.

SENATOR WARNER: I will refer you to Senator Scofield.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Fine, thank you.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Chambers, it seems since I was the culprit that suggested that we should consider this that it is only appropriate that I defend that suggestion. First of all, let me address your concerns that seem to be more political in nature than anything else, and I can assure you that that is not the reasoning there.