

Nebraska. I can't give you an exact figure on the final annual cost of the program but if it continues to be fully funded, I would estimate the annual cost at 600 to 700 thousand dollars. There is no way the cost will reach that level for at least six or seven years, but I want to give advance notice to everyone regarding the maximum annual cost of the program. The reason for the amendment to the A bill is simply that we are now more clear on the number of residents that will be in training in '93 and '94, and the date on which they begin. Residents begin training in July, so incoming classes correspond to the state fiscal year. The original A bill assumed partial year funding for '93, and we did not have a precise figure for '94. The amendment corrects that problem. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. On the amendment, Senator Wesely. Not the amendment. Senator Vrtiska, on the amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I rise in support...Mr. Chairman and members of the body, I rise in support of the amendment as explained by Senator Dierks and I hope that you would likewise see favorable towards advancing of or the addition of his amendment to the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Horgan, on the Dierks amendment. Not on the amendment. Any other discussion on Senator Dierks's amendment? Seeing none, Senator Dierks to close. Waives closing. The motion is the adoption of Senator Dierks's amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Dierks's amendment.

SENATOR HALL: The Dierks amendment is adopted. Other items on the bill?

CLERK: Yes, sir, Senator Vrtiska, I understand you want to withdraw AM0992 and AM1240.

SENATOR HALL: They are withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Vrtiska, AM1402, Senator.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Vrtiska, on the amendment.