

SENATOR VRTISKA: AM10...14...or 1240 or 1402 is found on page 1819 of the Journal. This amendment would cap the total funding support in the form of stipend and benefits provided to family practice residency program under this bill at the level that similar funding is provided to individuals under the existing program at UNMC. There are some things listed in the bill, such as meals and living expense, which the bill would allow the institution to provide for that are not currently provided for in the UNMC program. This amendment would still allow each institution to develop their own package of stipends and benefits but would guarantee equity in the amount of state funding used to provide these stipends and benefits to each individual resident so as to maintain a competitive balance between the institutions. I just wanted to say to you that we put this amendment in so that there certainly would not become a competitive issue between the institutions but rather a cooperative, and we want to make sure that the amount of benefits and stipends that were furnished to students under this program would be no more than those that were being presently provided at UNMC, and that's the purpose of the amendment, and I urge its adoption. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Wesely, on the Vrtiska amendment. Senator Horgan. Is there any other discussion of the Vrtiska amendment? Seeing none, Senator Vrtiska to close. He waives closing. The motion is the adoption of the Vrtiska amendment to LB 152. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

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

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

CLERK: Senator Landis would move to amend, Mr. President.

SENATOR HALL: Is there anyone here authorized to...Senator Horgan is going to take up the Landis amendment. Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Senator Hall and members of the body. I feel a little bit like Senator Will introducing a Hall amendment with this, but...