

of cigarette tax increase to cancer research. I think it is entirely appropriate and would urge your support. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Will. Before we move to Senator Schimek, Senator McKenzie has some guests that are visiting in the south balcony; 45 students, fifth and sixth graders from Medicine Valley Elementary in Curtis, Nebraska, with their teacher. Would you please rise and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you very much for coming today. Senator Schimek, on the advancement to E & R of LB 595.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I want you to understand that I really am in favor of this tax for this purpose. I think it is a critical component of prevention of cancer deaths, and for those of you who weren't in the body a couple of years ago, you have to know that we passed my priority bill that year which set up mammography screening for low income women in this state. So it's been...long been an interest of mine. I am not questioning that part of the bill. The only thing I want to know, and I want the body to know, is what we are actually doing here. I have not...I should have done this earlier but I have not this morning had an opportunity to find out what this means in terms of dollars, and I'd like to ask Senator Lindsay, if he is still here, or Senator Will...

SENATOR HALL: Senator Lindsay, if you would respond. Here he is. He is walking down the aisle right now, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Lindsay, do you know exactly how much money is going into Creighton University for these grants right now?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: It's my understanding it's around 40 or 60 thousand. The vast, vast majority goes to the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, so we are not talking really about what has been a half and half situation?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Oh, not at all, no.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So that, in essence, in essence, what we are