### Nelson asks that tobacco settlement include state

From Staff Reports

Nebraska officials threatened to join 24 other states Wednesday in an attempt to receive part of a \$300 billion settlement from tobacco companies.

Gov. Ben Nelson and Nebraska Attorney General Don Stenberg wrote letters to the Phillip Morris Co. and RJR Nabisco, Inc. asking to be included in any settlement the tobacco companies pay to other

The two companies met last week with attorneys general from eight states to talk about protection from lawsuits over smoking-related

In return, the companies would pay \$300 million in settlements and reduce their advertising, especially those using tobacco icons Joe Carnel and the Marlboro Man.

If the companies do not include Nebraska in an out-of-court settlement, the state will file a lawsuit against Phillip Morris and RJR Nabisco.

The letters stated Nebraska had not filed any lawsuits against the companies because of the enormous legal fees involved.

"We do not wish to clog the courts with additional litigation or incur substantial legal expense unnecessarily," the letter stated. "However, we have an obligation to Nebraska's taxpayers to recover Medicaid expenses when possible."

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Also discussed was the possible monetary support to several targeted UNL programs.

Melvin Jones, vice chancellor for panies regarding an exclusive bever- Regents.' age contract.

These "pouring rights" would guarvide the university with monetary support for a number of programs.

Those programs, which would in- tian Fellowship. clude student support, scholarships, technology advances and faculty development, were decided upon by of- recognized Denise McLain for her serficials from the bottling companies and vice as assistant director of Student university administrators, both of Involvement, also was passed unaniwhom conducted a variety of surveys mously. McLain is resigning to take a on campus.

Jones said he and other administraand posted around the UNL campus tors are currently completing final netoday. which were looking for a university eryone is aware of this," Hoffschneider with an "international reputation" to distribute their products.

The results of these negotiations are 8000 beverage alliance, which will bring planned to be presented to the NU  $_{\mathrm{O}}^{\mathrm{v}}$ Board of Regents at its meeting on June 21, Jones said.

"We are very, very close," Jones O business and finance, updated the sen- said. "There will be quite a few enate on progress made in talks with both hancements (to the university), but it's the Pepsi and Coca-Cola bottling com- going to be a decision of the Board of

In other ASUN news:

Senate Bill No. 1 was passed antee one bottling company that only unanimously. The bill officially apits products would be sold on the UNL proved several campus organizations: campuses. In return for this exclusive Alpha Phi Omega, the Residence Hall right, the bottling company would pro- Association, Speech Communication Association Student Club and Tabernacle of Grace for All Nations Chris-

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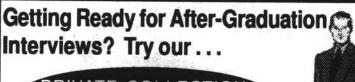
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