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SENATOR CLARK: I'd like to ask Senator Simpson a question or two, if I could. I understand that Mullen is one of the towns that have asked for this but they don't know whether they can accept all the people that go with it or not, the cousins and grandmothers and the aunts and uncles and things like this. They could get up to 30 people in order to get a doctor. They really don't think they can afford it. Do you know anything about this?

SENATOR SIMPSON: It has been brought to my attention that one doctor who was very qualified did have nine children and so was turned down by a town in Nebraska. There may have also been a parent or so and a couple of other people. Some of them do have extensive amounts of relatives. Now we talked about this with the Health Department and with the people who were going and that is one reason why legislators were going because we were concerned that we were going to get into a hardship deal and so this will be one of the things they are going to check in the qualifications, how many in the family.

SENATOR CLARK: Thank you. I tried to get a doctor from Spain to come over here. They actually wouldn't take him in the States here at all because the qualifications of the medical schools over there just don't meet the qualifications over here. So there is no way they could do it. Now I would like to ask who the Senators are that went? I suppose this is after the fact, that they have already gone?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes, they are gone and it is Senator DeCamp. Then we have two off the Public Health and Welfare Committee. We have Senator Kennedy, the Chairman, and Senator Maresh, also. They are gone.

SENATOR CLARK: What qualifications would they have to find out if these doctors are qualified or not. I mean, why would we send Senators out there for this?

SENATOR SIMPSON: I don't think I will answer that part of it.

SENATOR CLARK: Well, I don't blame you. I am sure I wouldn't be qualified, either, if you sent me out there to find out if the doctors are qualified. Certainly, it would look to me like if the Health Department went out there or the Medical Examining Board went out there, they might have some expertise in deciding this but it looks to me like a boondoggle to go out there and do this. Personally, I would never vote for the Resolution. I am afraid you might send one to my town and we only speak English there. I wouldn't want them.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: No, I am not going to do that. All I wanted to know, I can't see how three Senators can evaluate doctors, but that isn't really what I stood up for. I wanted really to punch my light to correct Senator Warner, and I don't suppose he is in his seat, as usual. Well, anyhow, he made the statement, and I think in fairness to me, he made a statement that all the Senators voted gung-ho to go to Washington on that truck thing. I wish to inform him and