

or less; and (2) Rural health care shall mean the provision of medical manpower needs in rural areas." On page 2, line 12 strike "rural" in line after "physicians;" and insert "of rural areas" and strike "Nebraska" and insert "areas". Renumber original sections 2 through 11 as sections 3 through 12 respectively. This bill is the basic provision provides for a commission to be concerned with the rural health manpower needs. It was suggested by various physicians testifying that the more committee members added from the college of medicine from the Nebraska Medical Association. It was the feeling of the committee that the bill as originally intended and was originally presented would best serve the need if you could identify and define clearly the rural part. Unless there are questions, I would move the adoption of the amendments.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. We do have other amendments, but you may explain the bill, Senator.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: I think there is a little further explanation needed. The principle function of this commission would be to assist the Governor, the Legislators, and the Board of Regents, and Department of Health in making decisions which would help provide health manpower now lacking in rural Nebraska. This committee would supposedly lend advice and assistance in such matters as selection of medical students, the development of curricula in their instruction, and establishment of internships and residencies in the area of rural health. It would also provide various data related to provision and costs of rural health care. I wasn't aware of further amendments so I'll defer to whoever is offering the amendments.

CLERK: Now, Mr. President, Senator Warner offers the following amendment. Read amendment on page 1046 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Jerry Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. What this amendment will do and I don't know Senator Lewis if anyone spoke to you or not on it. In the Department of Health's appropriation request is \$30,000 to go to former Senator Kennedy, who you will recall is involved in the Rural Health Manpower Referral Office and there is somewhat of a problem in trying to attach...his office isn't authorized by statute anywhere. What the amendment will do is insert Senator Kennedy's office position as a part of this so that we can then authorize, there will be an A bill following for \$30,000 what the Governor recommended for his office in the Department of Health. It ties it all together with the authorization of the position as well as the dollar amount. It doesn't change a thing. It will not be for the funding of the commission that is proposed here but it will be for the purpose of Senator Kennedy's operation. Without it, there is some question of whether or not exactly how we would appropriate the money so it can be spent. I'd ask the body to adopt the amendment. Incidentally, there have at least on the staff basis with the Governor's office we're not aware of any opposition.