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legislation. I hope it receives your approval. I would ask or would like to defer to Senator Tom Kennedy for a minute who has served with no compensation whatsoever as Director of the service for the past several years. Again, I think they do a tremendous job in the State of Nebraska recruiting health care professionals, not only doctors, but others that we do need throughout the state and so I urge your support of this particular piece of legislation. At this time I would like to defer to Senator Kennedy for a comment or two.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. Speaker, fellow members, just very briefly, this is to clarify and give an opportunity for the Nebraska Health Manpower referral service to continue. There never was a bill put in the Legislature for my volunteer office which is up on the sixth floor. This will give an opportunity for that office to continue and give the Governor an opportunity to appoint a Director to continue that service. The way it stands now, if I would continue as Director, it could go on and, of course, the appropriation comes out of the Appropriations Committee through the Health Department. It also clarifies that the advisory Rural Health Commission shall continue and that was in a bill three years ago and it would automatically dissolve. I think it is an important service. I think we have had wonderful success in a volunteer office. I would hope that many of you might have an opportunity to visit that office and see what is being done, and if you have any questions at this time, I would certainly answer any questions but this is to clarify and continue the office on the sixth floor which is getting doctors, not only for rural Nebraska but for the State of Nebraska. If there is any questions, I would be happy to answer them. I would certainly hope that you move this bill on and give it an opportunity to continue.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance 641 to E & R for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on a motion to advance, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion carried. The bill advanced.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

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