

So I would ask for the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Have you finished, Senator?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Okay, thank you. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Need a little help, thanks. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: We are back on the advancement of the bill. Okay, Senator Schellpeper, did you wish to explain the bill to us.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Yes, this is a bill that came out of a task force that we had last summer. There is a lot of rural communities out there that are having trouble with their finding doctors, with their hospitals, they can't keep their hospitals open. What this bill will do, it will take some doctors, some nurses, some optometrists, hospital administrators, some city people, anybody that is involved in rural health, and try to improve their rural health issues. And what it does, it sets up an 11 member advisory board that will go around and just try to help these rural communities. And it would mainly be to not really give them, in fact, it wouldn't give them any money. It would just be to help them to find doctors, to move them to maybe have a satellite office in a certain town. It would also try to help the hospital. There are some federal grant money out there, and this would also help them to apply for that there grant money. And I think it is something that these rural communities need in order to have or to keep and to also obtain doctors, and to keep their hospitals. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? If not, the question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 378.

PRESIDENT: LB 378 advances. LB 391.