

will explain that, and I am willing to work with anyone that has another idea on a need base, but let me tell you everyone of these girls that are going into nursing, I would say that 95, 98 percent of them need the money or, otherwise, they are probably going into a profession. They are caring people, and they want to upgrade it. The extended credit program, that is for... I will explain that a little bit to you. The one from Bishop Clarkson, what that does, it was a trial program originally in the North Platte area.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR NELSON: It was very, very successful and this is an independent study directed by Clarkson faculty in the mode of extension or home study programs. It is not site bound as a typical off-campus program. They can take that program in Fullerton, Nebraska, Alliance, Nebraska, Broken Bow, Nebraska, and it offers the girls the opportunity to go from an associate RN up to a bachelor of science. The maximum that they can usually take is three to six hours per week because of the fact that they are working, they have families to support, most of them are the main wage earner, and it was tried in the North Platte area, worked out very, very satisfactory, and they have approximately 90 students enrolled in that now. Hastings Creighton has a program of about 12 or 14 enrolled in that same type program, and UN-L out in the Scottsbluff area of 10 or 12 students. And with that,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR NELSON: ...I will answer any questions.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. An amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Nelson would move to amend the bill. Her amendment is on page 559 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Nelson, on your amendment, please.

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, when you are working with nursing programs, you find out, I try to educate myself more and more, and I will guarantee you that there are a lot of technicalities,