

but I also have to look at the broader perspective, the bigger picture here and recognize that things are not quite the way they used to be, and I think rather than look at what we used to have, I think the important thing is to look ahead and try and understand where we're going and how this program or other programs like it will move us forward. Throwing money at the problem will not solve the problem. We have to look at what has brought about these changes and how we might be able to make health care in this state better overall. I don't feel that I am any less served in rural Nebraska now than maybe someone who lives in Omaha or Lincoln. I may have to drive further to get that service. I may have to communicate with my doctor by telephone at times in order to receive services, but for me, I chose to live in rural Nebraska and I realize that there are some deficiencies in living in rural Nebraska that I have to accept and that's part of the reason that I'm concerned about this bill. But I guess I just would say as much as I'd like to have things the way they used to be, I recognize that they are not going to be that way in the future and that we have to move ahead. And I don't know how this bill fits into all of what I'm saying. As I said, I usually don't talk about health issues, but I think we have to recognize that some of these problems we can't solve simply by trying to provide more incentives whether it be math and science teachers or nurses or any other area of our society that has some deficiency in it that we necessarily can solve that problem. I just feel at this particular point that we have to maybe move ahead and look at how we might be able to deliver these services in a better way than what we're doing right now, and I don't know if that has been examined yet or not. Maybe that is in Senator Schellpeper's bill, I don't know, but with that, I'll sit down. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, please, then followed by Senator Abboud.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I'm not quite sure Senator Johnson...whether I want to give him any of my time after this or not, I have a little reservations on that, but, again, I just honestly cannot tell you...the Governor talks about a rural renaissance program. What is that to do, four more offices outstate? We just passed this bill this morning, more regions for health care. That doesn't put that nurse in that nursing home in Grand Island, in Franklin, Nebraska. Those people don't want to be moved from their families from Grand Island to Omaha to spend their last years in ICF care or in