

then, it is after the fact, that goes to Iowa and continues their education.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question, Senator Nelson just answered my question about the Nebraska, I am concerned about that and the whole bill, so thank you very much for telling me.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and members, I think I would again ask Senator Nelson, I don't think that what you just read means that they have to stay in Nebraska to actually practice nursing. That means they have to go to school here, but not to actually practice nursing.

SENATOR NELSON: No, sir. I did not. They have to get...to qualify for the benefits of my bill, the incentive, is after they go to school and have completed a licensed school, I give incentives after the first year on an LPN, or associate degree, and stop at the three-year time for the period. Your question, whether or not they have to stay in Nebraska, no, I did not tie it to that. I don't think that a Pell grant, an SSIG grant, and so on, specifies that any nurse has to stay in Nebraska. I would find that rather difficult to even probably be able to enforce. If they decided not to, it couldn't be a provision of a loan or something. Mine is an outright grant. And to practice, part of the LPN or the associate degree nursing, they get these grants before they are ever practicing. They are practicing...they are going on to school, the BSN or the associate, and I find that that would probably be very difficult, the part that they serve in the rural area, that is easy to control.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, actually, we have a doctor's program like that right now that if they go back to rural Nebraska and practice, but if they take this grant money, they have to stay in Nebraska to practice. I think that is what we need to have in this nursing program, because I can see us giving \$500, helping them through nursing. I realize it is going to help, eventually, the nurses in the whole United States but it isn't going to help us in Nebraska. We need to do something to keep them in Nebraska and I think this incentive will actually do