

understanding is to strike what we just did?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Actually, it would, yes, because this does the same thing.

SENATOR SMITH: Basically, it guts the bill.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Basically, it guts the bill.

SENATOR SMITH: And puts LB 520 into the bill.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Basically, it does that.

SENATOR SMITH: All right, now, what I would like to ask you to do is tell me the differences that you see between the two pieces of legislation, and I would like...you defined this one, and I am glad you did that, but I would like if you could compare with me the basic differences as you see them between what 357 now as amended will do versus what your intent is in 520.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: LB 357 at the present time would put \$500 to nurses that practice...or that study in Nebraska, do not have to practice in Nebraska. It does nothing to help the rural areas to give the extra incentives. LB 357 has a \$500,000 limit. This amendment would put a \$400,000 limit.

SENATOR SMITH: What was the difference in limits?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Five hundred thousand, this would be a 400,000.

SENATOR SMITH: Per year.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, all right, other differences?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Mainly, on the...we do a lot fewer nurses here. We give a little more money to help them get through. It is strictly on a need basis. With the amendment, if you can prove that you need the help, you can go to nursing school, and if you stay in Nebraska and practice in a rural area, which would be a county under 50,000 population, then you get more reimbursement than you would...whereas you only get \$500 to help