

per week. Senator Schellpeper's bill also allows for \$2,000 a year, and this is the problem with the bill. A good share of the nursing students do receive incentives financially, Pell grant, grants from the schools, and scholarships, but he is granting \$2,000. Now listen to these figures; \$2,000 up to four years of schooling for only 100 nurses. We need five and six hundred nurses out there. You are not going to entice people into nursing that were not already in there or going into nursing. That is what is wrong with that bill. It is giving too much to too few people. Senator Smith, you asked a very good question. This bill would allow \$2,000 per year, plus, if they practiced in a rural area for three years, it would allow \$11,000 to a simple 100 students, fifty students only to practice in a rural area. We have approximately, what, 85 rural counties, no, I see 11 to be exact, we have 82 counties that qualify under the \$50,000...the limit on the population. So this bill of his would only give that to 50 people. So think of it, it is the large amount given to such a very small number of people. My bill is an incentive into nursing. There are loans and grants. It is simply to help them, the books are very expensive, the tuition is very expensive. I explained it to you, the SIG. Another point, Senator Schellpeper said mine did not address the rural areas. Apparently, he hasn't read Section 5. It does address the rural areas. It gives them all a small incentive, a \$1,000 for a registered nurse, 600 for an LPN, or 400, excuse me, 400 for an associate, and 400 for an LPN. In a smaller community of 10,000-10,500, my bill starts at 600, 400, and 200. It gives a larger group of number of people, not so much to such a select very, very few. A hundred nurses is really nothing to help our need. It is giving way too much money to such a small, narrow group. My bill does, as I say, does address the rural nursing need. It has to serve...that they serve in a rural community. I don't know, I was going to put Nebraska in there and decided it is not necessary. Naturally, the Department of Education wouldn't pay them if they were serving in Iowa, so that part is addressed. His bill is up to \$8,000 for a simple 100 people over and above the other loans. It is a loan forgiveness, the same way as mine. Mine is after the fact. Mine is an incentive to try to help them to get them into nursing. The rural part of my bill would become effective immediately, and the LPN part takes a year, and I very carefully went through the dates, and again as I say, the big part of my bill is the off-campus course.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.