

thing I would like to point out that Senator Nelson every time she speaks on LB 357 speaks with some pride, and she is justified in speaking with pride about the wide range of people that are supporting her bill. You will hear the names of Rosalee Yeaworth, Joe Preusser, Mrs. Perry from I believe it is Clarkson Hospital. In essence, if you have turned to your bill book on LB 520, you will notice some of those same names listed there. Joe Preusser was supporting LB 520, was the second speaker following Senator Schellpeper. Joan Westfall was there representing Rosalee Yeaworth of the University of Nebraska College of Nursing, and you will see a wide range of individuals that were there supporting 520. There are a wide range of people supporting LB 357, too, I will admit that, some of the same people, but to adopt this amendment is not turning the back on those supporters. Those people like this bill just as well, or in some cases maybe even a little bit better. So you are not gutting the bill, you are not throwing out the concept. You are just making the concept that Senator Nelson brought us a little, I think, more appropriate and will do a better job of serving the needs that both Senator Schellpeper and Senator Nelson think need to be met.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, followed by Senators Langford, Bernard-Stevens, and Smith. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Very briefly, Mr. Speaker, I would echo the comments of Senator Withem and Senator Schellpeper. Having worked with Senator Schellpeper in the Health Committee handling this legislation, we do feel that there is a lot of support for Senator Schellpeper's approach. We do commend Senator Nelson on the work that she has done, but it seems as though if we are faced with the choice between one or the other, I, personally, would prefer the Schellpeper approach. It does recognize need. It does recognize the need to have individuals stay in the state if we provide assistance. In addition, it does target more in terms of help going in to a greater degree to maybe fewer people but still it will make a greater difference we think. Maybe there is still a lot of room for negotiation on this. We have tried to sit down and talk about it to some degree. I don't think enough but, nevertheless, I don't know if there is any real room for compromise at this point, and, so, just because of that, in my review of the situation, I prefer the Schellpeper amendment and would ask your support for it.