

we are all talking about here, that those incentives of the amendment as proposed to us by Senator Schellpeper in 520 would be good, but I also think that maybe what 357 has in it, which is a lower amount, I kind of like the idea of it being paid after they complete the training which shows that, in fact, they really were sincere about the fact that they were going to do this are good points in that bill. So as I was sitting here trying to decide what in the heck can we do about this, and I was getting my scratch pad out and trying to figure out ways to put some amendments in this, from the Schellpeper amendment into the amended version of 357, I decided I would do this instead. I want to ask a question of you, Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: I don't know how you are going to feel about this, but would you be supportive of bracketing LB 520, if Senator Nelson would be willing, again, to bracket 357, the two of you along with some other interested parties sit down together and iron this out once and for all.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Definitely.

SENATOR SMITH: Because this is important, our main point here, and this is what Senator Schimek mentioned to me, was we want to get the best bill we can here. I don't have any pride of ownership in the fact that I have signed on that bill. I want, if we are all sincere, what we are really here for is to try to get the best bill for nursing and that will do some things for incentives in rural Nebraska.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I would be glad to, if you would be the mediator, I would be glad to do this.

SENATOR SMITH: I would be glad to be the mediator but I first have to ask Senator Nelson how she feels about that.

SENATOR NELSON: Certainly, anything to provide a great need out there. I kind of laugh, I didn't know as we had to have a mediator on bills, but...

SENATOR SMITH: Yeah, you do need a...

SENATOR NELSON: ...I really respect you, Senator Smith.