

indigent care part. The centers which have the hospitals do attract. When I'm speaking of this I'm speaking of rural Nebraska, such as North Platte, would have a center which attracts a large number of indigents and all these expenses go to that county and, of course, there are those counties that really do...would have a problem with regards to this, it does help in that. The centers, such as McCook, North Platte, Scottsbluff, areas of that, actually in the Panhandle area, the Scottsbluff area, where it has the primary medical center attracts from all of those counties and this does bring a disproportionate load cost, cost to that particular county. I rise in support of this particular bill and I hope that it can be passed.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lynch, would you like to close on your...

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes. Thank you, Senator Weihsing, and just briefly, colleagues and Mr. President, at the present time we're probably providing the most expensive and costly system because there is no vehicle for some indigent for care. Sometimes it's possible they only treat on an emergency basis and they leave without sometimes continuing care which is most and necessary. But remember what this doesn't do, there is an awful lot of people out there that this can't apply to and won't, that's Medicare and Medicaid, children's programs, people on county general assistance and all those people who are on health insurance programs. I would appreciate your allowing this bill to continue to survive so that it can be considered as part of the priority considerations and important legislation that is still out there. I know it's a big ticket item, nevertheless, it's the kind of a thing that satisfies I think the responsibility of the state for those less fortunate than us. It helps to reimburse just to some degree, not in total, but to some degree some of that cost that unfairly is being absorbed by private and, in some cases, public institutions and providers that ultimately winds up in your...coming out of your pocket anyhow and probably out of proportion to cost. So, hopefully, you would support the continued advancement of this bill to Final Reading.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of the bill to E & R Engrossing. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Okay, let's back up. All those in favor of advancing the bill say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. Thank you. Move