

they can take is six hours, and that's the most that any girl could possibly do and work. These are working mothers, single family mothers and part of it is offered through video and home study and then the clinical. It's about 50 hours of training altogether, 25 at home study and 25 in clinical study. This does improve the health care of rural areas or any area, and it is an opportunity to upgrade their education. That has to be an off campus course. Bishop-Clarkson tells me that this is very, very valuable to them. It's people that are working trying to support a family, or a girl working in the hospital now and simply wants to upgrade her education. So that is a very important part of the bill. With that, if anyone has any other questions I would be more than happy to try to answer them. Senator Schellpeper and I worked together on some...many of the provisions. How many minutes have I got left?

PRESIDENT: About one.

SENATOR NELSON: All right. I will explain the fiscal note, because there are some...a difference on that. But I will, if anyone has any questions right now, I would be glad to answer them. And Senator Schellpeper has another technical amendment. While I'm up here, I do support that, and that is simply to address...it could have either been 30 semester hours or academic hours of training. So we definitely wanted that as a full-time student, and I do support that amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper is next, followed by Senator Crosby. But may I first introduce some guests of Senator Wehrbein in the north balcony. We have 15 members of the Cullum Extension Club of Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Would you ladies please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Schellpeper, please.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I want to say once again that what we're trying to do here, in 357, is we're trying to get more students into nursing and eventually trying to get more into the rural areas. We're having problems out there with the Medicare, Medicaid, we just cannot get enough nurses out there. So what we're really trying to do here is trying to get more students into nursing, we're trying to help them financially, and they will also have to stay in Nebraska. That's what we're really trying to do here. Thank you.