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may. Need a little help. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Schellpeper amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Schellpeper amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend the bill. (Wesely amendment appears on page 1128 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. This amendment merely transfers from the Department of Education to the Department of Health Administration of this nursing loan grant program. I think it's logical and I understand Senator Nelson and Senator Schellpeper support that. The amendment as adopted would have it in education. It's the Health Department's function right now to deal with medical student loans. They've been in that business for some time. They have a rural health orientation and Senator Schellpeper has a bill to have a rural health office that will tie into this effort as well as the other loan program. It just makes sense not to send this program over to education, so I'd like to ask that the program stay in the Health Department. That is where it ought to be.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: I don't agree with Senator Wesely, which is not surprising on this. I did visit with the Health Department when my original bill, 357, was brought up as a concern and at that time they wanted an employee and a half, I believe, to implement it and that was a straight-out incentive very much. And I visited with the Education Department. At that time the Education Department felt that they could handle that for a quarter-time employee and that it could be used in the other areas and in conjunction. This bill is patterned somewhat after the math and science grant and program. This is an educational bill. This is not a health bill and so it does belong in education and where we have it. Also, I might tell you that the Education Department, this is so similar to the math and science program and something that they are already doing now and they are not implementing a new program over in the Education