members, and it makes it totally unworkable for them when they have anyone absent. It takes everyone present to be able to vote to make anything move or to approve an ordinance, for So what LB 966 does is to decrease the number of instance. votes from a two-thirds majority, which is presently the way the law reads, and that comes out to be a 3.3 percent council members, and make it become instead a three-fifths majority vote. And I would ask, on behalf of Senator Wehrbein, that you would approve this piece of legislation and move it along. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. If there is no further discussion, question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 964 (sic) advances, that was LB 966, excuse me. LB 997, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 997 was introduced by Senator Schellpeper. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 4th of this year, was referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. They report the bill back to General File, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schellpeper, please.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. LB 997 extends the Rural Health Manpower for one year. It's been in operation since 1977, and it has had several extensions before, and this will extend it for one more year. commission is what they use to put the rural doctors in the rural areas. And so it's very important to Nebraska. I would just move for the adoption. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. If there's no further discussion, question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: LB 997 advances. LB 857, please.