

some of the health care needs that we have, when people need to get from a smaller area to a more populous center, in fact, could be met by better transportation services. So, with that introduction, I would be happy to respond to questions on the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Before proceeding to a discussion of the bill itself, Senators Smith and Kristensen are jointly announcing a guest, under the north balcony, Mr. Jay Choquette of Campbell, Nebraska. Mr. Choquette, would you please stand and take a bow. Thank you, we're glad to have you. Also, some very special guests under our south balcony, we have Mr. Phil Kreutz and Judy Kreutz, and their son, Jim, who are parents of our Page, Jane Kreutz. Please stand and be recognized. Thank you. Also, a very special guest, a former member of this Legislature. He served in the Seventy-Second Legislature, in 1951 and '52, former Senator Rolland Kreutz, who is 94 years young. Senator Kreutz, please. Thank you, we're pleased to have you back again. For purposes of discussion, Senator David Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senator John Weihing and Senator Dennis Baack.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Couple of maybe not quite so serious comments in beginning, then I'll get to a more serious comment. But there are sometimes bills that come before us that, they're little puns that go about. For example, Senator Conway decided that maybe this bill doesn't need any propping up, and Senator Baack thought that we need to talk about the "plane" truth on this particular bill. And Senator Scofield thought that the bill was going to fly, and, of course, some people say this bill is greased, not in this case, it's on autopilot. And I'd just like to say that I'm glad to be a copilot on this particular bill, because I think it's one of the more proactive things that we've done. I'd also like to make a second comment, I'm almost tempted to introduce a resolution and/or an amendment somewhere along the line, not on this bill, but maybe somewhere else, that would require that whenever we have national elections that we have mandated at least three to four members of the body must file, because it's refreshing to see the rejuvenation and the excitement of the campaign. Senator Barrett has brought before us some very, very good bills this year, the small business incubators, and the New Horizons projects for the future has been one of his leads, Senator Johnson before us today on the international trade office, and now we have Senator Scofield on state airline