

then must go to court or must go into other lengthy activities, such as contacting legislators and trying to get something done in that manner. I find myself in that position all too frequently. I do not like it and I have spoken with other senators who do not like it either. I'm speaking now as much for the record as I am in regard to your bill, Senator...or your amendment, Senator Wickersham, but I think that someone needs to make this clear because one of these days we are going to be faced with additional problems and all we are going to hear is it's the law, the Legislature passed the law, you have to live up to the law. I want it known now that I do not like some of these statutes we have enacted and that I think it is counterproductive to affordable health care costs in this state. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Chairman, and members, I rise to support the Wickersham amendment. I think it's something that will help the facilities in rural Nebraska. The individual is very well trained. The Department of Health supports the amendment and I think it's something that will help to get good administrators of our nursing home care facilities in rural Nebraska. This individual, like I said, is very well educated. She has been there before. I think we're penalizing her for having her do some of the other things. So I support the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I guess maybe I will question Senator Schellpeper who was on the committee and...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...passed this out of committee. Obviously, what they're doing is crossing out language that was going to take effect in 1992 so the need that put that in the statute in the first place has dissipated.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Right. Right.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Could you tell me why that is?