

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, I just would like to rise in support of this bill. Even though I live in urban Nebraska, I am acutely aware of some of the health care problems that are encountered by those living in rural areas, because my parents live and have lived in a rural area for a number of years. So I think this is a step in the right direction. And, Senator Schellpeper, I just wish that there were more money attached to the bill, because I think the need is very great. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Seeing no other senators wishing to debate the issue, do you have closing, Senator Schellpeper?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, Madam Chairman and members, this bill, I think, is something that we should have been looking at a long time ago. But I think it's something that we cannot pass over. We need to take care of the rural areas. The doctors are not locating out there. This is something to get them out there. It's something that will help the health care in rural areas, especially the real critical areas of Nebraska. And so I would just urge the adoption of this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. We'll now proceed to vote on the advancement of LB 400. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 400 is advanced. I'd now like to direct your attention to the south balcony again, special guests of the Legislature this morning are ten members of the Association of American University Women, they are from Lincoln, Crete, Osceola, Peru and Omaha. Please rise and be recognized, and welcome to the Chamber. Also in the south balcony are guests of Senator Schimek. They are 32 fourth graders from Blessed Sacrament School, here in Lincoln with their teacher. Would you also please rise and be recognized. Thank you. We'll proceed with LB 789.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Madam President. LB 789 is a bill that was introduced by Senators Chambers, Pirsch, Rasmussen, Robinson, Abboud, Hall, Chizek, Lindsay, and Will. (Read