

district, equally. And, so I think that will help the bill. Also, the amendment will allow physicians assistants to be allowed to receive loan forgiveness; that's not part of the bill right now. And it would also state in there that, if you do not live up to this contract, if you leave the State of Nebraska after you have received one of these loan forgiveness, you have to repay the money at 24 percent, which is the highest amount that can be charged by Nebraska law. And so right now the bill just states at the highest allowable limit, and this will say 24 percent interest, so that the people will know what it actually is. So the amendments, although they are mainly technical, they do put the bill in better language and explain the...how the bill operates. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Is there discussion of Senator Schellpeper's amendment? Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Would Senator Schellpeper yield to a question, please.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR ELMER: You said that you're going to put 11 members on this committee, or on...and that they were going to equally represent our three congressional districts. How can they do that with 11?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I guess it says to the extent possible.

SENATOR ELMER: Oh, okay. Thank you, Senator Schellpeper.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Any other discussion of the amendment by Senator Schellpeper? Seeing none, do you wish to close, Senator Schellpeper? Waives closing. We will now proceed to vote on the amendment as offered by Senator Schellpeper. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We're voting on the amendment by Senator Schellpeper. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Schellpeper's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted. Anything further on the bill?