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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Schellpeper a question, since he's on the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schellpeper, will you respond?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schellpeper, in the area that I come from there are medical shortages, as there are shortages of everything. And it might be the only area in a city that has a shortage.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you be opposed to that area being covered by your bill?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank I'm going....Thank you. I'm going to ask then that the Legislature reject Senator Beutler's amendment. My feeling is that if we're talking about a condition under which people live, where they are without needed medical care, a bill is before us which attempts to meet that need. It should not matter where those people live. We're talking about a condition that needs to be addressed, one over which the people, victimized by that condition, have no control. So, if a bill is before us to deal with that condition, I think we should. And since Senator Schellpeper, whose bill it is, has no objection to it applying to the area from which I come, I will ask that you reject Senator Beutler's amendment, because with his amendment we can know full well, and establish by every criteria that a great need, which is unmet, exists, but it will be ignored. So I ask that you reject Senator Beutler's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Very briefly. I would oppose the Beutler amendment. In reviewing the amendment it really looks to only apply to Omaha, it's the only area that would be designated a medical profession shortage area that we can see in any urban setting. So the effect of the Beutler amendment would be to deny the opportunity for these