

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The personnel?

SENATOR WESELY: And ours are like full time, in some cases, you know, highly trained, that is their job situations, where these are volunteers and take 110 hours or 81 hours, depending on the situation, of training and the other problem that comes up is repetition. We have so many, we are a bigger population center, so the repetition of doing things keeps your skill level up. That is one of the things in health care they find, and you are just not going to have in a rural area...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...that many cases, and so there is a concern about will these people once they have that level of training, how many times will they be able to experience that to keep fresh and sharp when the time does come for them to act in an emergency.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, so one quick question yet. So it is money, it is lack of personnel. It is maybe lack of educational opportunities. It is a whole lot of things that causes this differentiation. Can you respond then to what Senator Wickersham said about that hour and a half? I mean, how do you, personally, feel about this? Do we need to do something for those folks in the rural units?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I supported the bill, and the concept of what we are trying to do is sensible, but there...what I am concerned about, and I am going to vote for this committee amendment and I am going to vote to advance it, I am just saying that what was told to us in the hearing was not an accurate reflection of what the bill did, and an accurate reflection of what the recommendations from 407 recommended.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you.

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

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam President and members. I rise to support this, the committee amendments. I think sometimes, I hate to get into a rural-urban split again here,