

the Department of Aging to get there to go in and see the patient. That has been an issue and a question that was...that's been going on all along also, is once they determine that someone, if we try to understand how this works, they're ready to be dismissed, we now have to wait for the Department of Aging person to come in and do the interview with the person to decide if they're going to be poor enough in a year to go on Medicaid. And for the area in the pilot project right now there are not that many people able to come in to all the different hospitals that they are impacting. What happens in the 48 hours before it is determined they should be dismissed and before someone can get there from the Department of Aging to determine if they're going to poor enough to be Medicaid?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: So now they've stayed in the hospital another extra couple of days. That's the whole thing that makes no sense to me. That's why I bring this issue before you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Matzke would like to introduce the following guests who are visiting the Legislature, Natalie Shelbourn, Herb Knuttson, Dave Christensen and Tom Plummer who was also recently appointed to the Game and Parks Commission. They are all here from the Keith County Economic Development group. They are under the south balcony. Please stand and be recognized. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Hall, your light is next, followed by Senators Wesely, Maurstad and Bohlke.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members. Senator Wesely, would you respond to a question?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Wesely, the issue of the pilot programs that we're talking about here, and if I remember correctly, aren't we just talking about two pilot programs?

SENATOR WESELY: Right, Hastings and the Lincoln area.

SENATOR HALL: Hastings and then one outside of Lincoln...