

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR HALL: ...or on the outskirts of Lincoln? Weren't they volunteer, voluntary? Wasn't the participation voluntary?

SENATOR WESELY: I'm not sure. I think they were but, right, it wasn't...we didn't pick those out, somebody chose to do that, so...

SENATOR HALL: Well that was my understanding when we dealt with this issue that the concept was to put it in place in an urban and a rural setting...

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR HALL: ...on a voluntary basis with the areas that basically agreed or volunteered to participate, to look at it over a period of time and then decide whether or not...some of the...I mean, the concerns that Senator Bohlke raises I think are, you know, very likely, I mean are legitimate should the system not function properly. But I agree, thank you, George, that the issue has to be addressed. I agree with your position that the issue has to be given an opportunity to work to see if it is something that we do want to implement on a statewide basis. I guess my point is, is that we don't know yet if the issue that Senator Bohlke raises will actually come to pass and I guess I rise in opposition to the Bohlke amendment, although I recognize that I may very well join her a year from now or two in either postponing the issue or doing away with the issue with regard to this request for information or possibly striking the whole, the program all together. But right now as I remember the way we established the program it was done on a voluntary basis with two pilot projects, one urban and one rural, so that we could find out just what kinds of potential liability, I guess, for lack of a better term, that was out there with regard to potential long-term care costs. And I understand her concern and I probably would very likely be right there with her on the amendment, but only after we had some experience in this area. And I think that was one of the reasons we basically agreed to do this type of a proposal, if I'm not mistaken. And I know there was a lot of time and effort spent on it over an interim before we got to this point. So it's not that I don't necessarily disagree with Senator Bohlke, but my point, I guess, would be that I think it's at a minimum, a little premature.