

of where this assistance went to, and we didn't currently have that in place. So this committee amendment I would ask your adoption of because it will help us make sure that when we give assistance to these new areas of professions that are in health care, that they actually go to serve those that are truly in need in terms of the rural areas of the state, so...or underserved areas of the state. With that, I'd ask for adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I'd like to ask Senator Dierks a question, if I may.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Senator, I'm very supportive of the bill. My only concern is the \$90,000. Is that going to be a problem, or is that something we can work our way through?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, I hope we can work our way through, Senator Schellpeper. It could be a problem. The A bill that follows it is for 90,000 for this year, or for '95-96...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: If the...

SENATOR DIERKS: I'm sorry, '96-97.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: If the \$90,000 are not there, would you be willing to not have the program take effect right away?

SENATOR DIERKS: I would like to...I don't care to see the program underfunded, but I would like to see the program in place.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yeah. I think currently with the rural health there's a shortage of funds to fund some of the programs that they have currently. And I know that adding these additional students is something that needs to happen, but the dollars also need to follow the bill. And I guess we need to make sure that the dollars follow the bill. And if the dollars