

the dentists, the medicine and pharmacy are, in fact, at private institutions. Most of the nurses are taught...I'm not sure what the percentage is, I haven't really looked at this as well as I should, but most of the nurses that are available to serve in our community and in our state, of course, come from private institutions as well. I would just respectfully suggest that the attempt to include over half the people who will serve medically in this state also deserve to have a better consideration and help that this kind of an effort can provide. I would like to think that we do care in this state, not only for those that attend our private...our public institutions but we also care for those that attend our public...our private institutions and also appreciate the investment that these institutions make in our state, the subsidies provided by these private institutions toward our need. I would like to think that at least on General File you will seriously consider this amendment and give it a chance to survive. If you have any serious questions about how it could affect the system, I would be glad to try to answer those as you consider this amendment. I think, really, that pretty well covers it. All I want to do is as much as possible, support LB 505, but amend it so that we also support in Nebraska everybody that would like to serve in the medical profession and all of those institutions that provide those folks and not leave out those institutions that provide well over half of the people we hope will continue to serve in Nebraska. I would ask for your support for this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lynch. On the Lynch amendment, Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I really hate to rise in opposition to this amendment because I've been such a supporter of health care in the rural areas, but I just have to. This amendment, at this time, on this bill is not the right approach. There is a bill that's going to be coming up, LB 152, as Senator...I think Senator Dierks' bill, I don't remember whose priority bill but it is somebody's priority bill, and it will be discussed. But that's the place for this amendment. Also, in 1990 I introduced a bill, LB 400, that puts doctors and nurses and everything else into rural areas. It's the loan forgiveness program. And that program also would be a much better vehicle than to attach it onto LB 505. LB 505 is a bill that's designed for the Nebraska Medical College when they're...in order to get people back to rural areas. Senator