

responses. Mr. Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1133-34 of the Legislative Journal.) 18 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment fails. I will raise the call.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Anyone wishing to discuss the committee amendments? Seeing no one, Senator Wesely, do you wish to close?

SENATOR WESELY: Move the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now vote on the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The committee amendments are adopted. We'll now go to the bill. For opening, Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Once again, LB 505 is a bill that is designed to put health care people into rural areas. It is a bill that establishes a loan pool fund to match state and private money to give loans to students who will serve in rural areas. Now this is good for medicine, for dentistry, for pharmacy, for nursing and all allied health, so it is not just any one health care, it is all health care. The Governor's budget included the funds for RHOP in his budget, but it's a program that is designed to help students that are going to colleges in rural areas when they go on, they will go back then to the local community and settle there and practice their health care in the rural areas where we have such a big shortage. Now these are not loan forgiveness dollars either. These are actually loans that have to be repaid and basically they will be repaid with either individuals or by the communities that they are residing in. Some of the funds are going to be used to entice the students and that's what these funds are designed for, to entice them to come back. Once they go to school in these larger cities, Omaha, Lincoln, which