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that the Legislature does support 571 because it is in essence the very type of program that Nebraska is going to be needing, particularly in the family practice field. Here's something that we started a few years ago and we can expand upon it and just briefly to tell you that you would see within the program itself as our University Medical School, from the current 238 that we've had in the 1974 1975 year in the practice of medicine in our med school, there would be an increase of 283 positions for July 1, and so very briefly, this is what it's all about in Nebraska, it's to get family practice back out to the areas that have a need for it. A young man in my neighborhood is an example, about last July 1st started practicing in Senator Kennedy's home area of Norfolk, Nebraska and he was lucky enough to come under the family practice position that we in this Legislature created several years ago, he finished the med school here at the University of Nebraska, he went up to South Dakota for his internship and then he returned back to the city of Norfolk taking over one of the retired physicians positions and so, I know that the program does have results because this particular young man who finished his schooling at our University hospital and now when he went into practice there in Norfolk, he has almost instant practice by the very fact that on July 1st when he started, the people are there waiting for medical assistance and I would very strongly say to you that the way to get our physicians out into the small towns and villages in Nebraska or at least in the regional areas around centers such as Norfolk or some of these areas is to support 571

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, if you have read the synopsis by the committee chairman you'll notice that I did appear in favor of this bill and I fully support it. I think that this is a step toward providing and promoting what Senator Mahoney has said and one of the parts that I have been tremendously interested in is the family practice residency. As you know, or as you may not know, most young men and women graduate from medical school are doing a residency. If we do not provide a residency program in the State of Nebraska, they will move to other areas in the United States to do their residency and if you are again familiar with those residencies, they will be a three to five year residency. When that person has served in that capacity from three to five years, it's more than likely or the percentage chances go down that he or she will come back to the State of Nebraska. We have spent the money through the taxpayers to provide our medical school in Omaha, we have accepted those young people and then they leave the state to do a residency. This will help the family practice residency, it will also boost other residency programs and I would ask that you support this program.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich.