

March 14, 1984

LB 880

details of the proposal before you. I would like you to consider rejecting the committee amendments to this bill and discussing the health insurance policies for the State of Nebraska. What I am suggesting is that it is time we switched from a Cadillac to a Chevrolet. And it is time we go from a plan that is far more generous and far more directed to the wasteful expenditure on health resources than we need to be in today's modern society. I am asking you to try to recognize the fact that we have several options. Could I have some attention here, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, you may. (Gavel.) Please hold your conversation down so that we can hear Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I tried yelling. Newell does it and it works for him but I don't know what is the problem here.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Well he is an exceptional Senator. Please hold your conversation down, ladies and gentlemen.

SENATOR WESELY: You know, sometimes I don't mind particularly if I don't get listened to but this is one time I think I have something to say. Other times I am not so sure, so this time if you could listen I would appreciate it. I think you will learn something from it and I hope you will agree with me. The proposal before you is one that I think is wrong for the State of Nebraska.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, excuse me again. (Gavel.) Now we must hold the conversation down, please. I can't hear the gentleman myself and we have the volume turned up reasonably loud so, please.

SENATOR WESELY: And the louder I get, the louder they get. It's fun. It's sort of like a party. Well let me tell you, the concern I have is clearly the one of health policy for the State of Nebraska. We have done through two task forces, a look at the question of how we structure health care in the State of Nebraska. One was chaired by myself through the Nebraskans for Affordable and Quality Health Care. Another task force was chaired by the Personnel Department to look specifically at state employee health