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(Neb.)-Debate Stalls On Medicaid Expansion In Nebraska



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LINCOLN, Neb. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - A group of conservative Nebraska lawmakers are trying to derail a proposal to expand Medicaid to more low-income adults.

State senators successfully stalled debate on the issue Wednesday when bill supporters weren't able to secure the 33 votes required to end debate.

Speaker Greg Adams of York moved the Legislature to discuss a different bill after 10-and-a-half hours of debate on Medicaid. It has not been determined when Medicaid expansion will be discussed again.

Bill supporters say expanding Medicaid is needed to help working Nebraska adults who can't afford private health care, but make too much money to qualify for Medicaid. Opponents are worried that expanding Medicaid won't be fiscally sustainable long-term and fear the state doesn't have enough doctors to see more Medicaid patients.