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concerned. But I want to tell you this, I have been there, it's a good bill and for those people who are going to need, who are going to need heart surgery or have a heart problem, I ask you to support this legislation and, Mr. President, I yield the rest of my time to Senator Carson Rogers.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Rogers, about two and a half minutes.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. Speaker and members, I'd just like to relate one little instance that me and my family went through a few years ago. I hate to even hear of the mention of costs or money or whatever. I had a little granddaughter that was about six days old at Bergan Mercy and all of a sudden they decided she had to have heart surgery and the anxiety and whatever the family, my wife and I and her folks had to go through because she had to be transported to another hospital, and you know costs, nobody even thought about the costs. Sure, it was very expensive and I don't know whether the hospital made money or lost money, I think that's beside the point. I just think that if you had to go through a trauma like this, I think you'd think a lot different about this. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Call the question, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I'm sorry that we took so much time, but again, there was no public hearing on this issue and really we haven't had much discussion on it and it's an important one so I thought it would be valuable to at least air the issue and let people know more about it and I understand Senator Smith had some questions for me, so I'd like to give Senator Smith a couple of minutes, if you'd...or do you need a little more time? That would be fine. I'd like to give Senator Smith a couple of minutes so she can ask me whatever she