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record, the provider has 10 days to make the records available and 21 days in an unusual circumstance. There was disagreement, however, on the costs that should be charged for providing those records. In the information that you have, you can see the comparison of four cost schedules and a relative impact. The committee also recognizes that there are other costs other than photocopy costs for providing medical records, and those costs that are provided in the amendment as well. What the cost ultimately is will be decided here on the floor and by a majority vote of the entire Legislature. I hope the committee has given you sufficient information so that we can make that decision. This is new legislation and any cost imposed certainly is arbitrary, but we feel that the costs that are in the amendment really compromises the majority wishes of the committee. Other issues in the committee amendment relates to the cost of records obtained by subpoena. When a subpoena is issued and requires records be provided, the provider of the records may get a \$20 witness fee, but is not always reimbursed for the cost of copying records. The committee amendment also says the providers may also charge for records obtained under subpoena, and that is consistent with really about nine other states that allow a charge for that. The committee amendment also recognizes the financial needs of those who are applying for state or federal assistance or benefits, and says that providers can't charge for records requested by the patient under certain assisted programs that are named in the bill. That, in essence, was Senator Chambers' bill and we took that into consideration and so, for those people who cannot afford to obtain those records, they will be free. On the issue of liability, the amendment says that the providers can't be liable to a patient or another person for the actual or potential future consequences of putting information in a medical record that ultimately gets disclosed under this bill. With that, I would certainly be glad to answer any question. Again, I wish to thank Senator Coordsen, Brashear and Chambers for their willingness to work on this very important issue and would ask that the body advance the committee amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The Chair would recognize Senator Coordsen on the committee amendments.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the