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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right.

SENATOR McDONALD: And that's something that I think...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That's what I was curious about.

SENATOR McDONALD: ...was to be in the plan, and I want to make sure that that still is.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, then thank you very much. And if I might, then, I'd like to ask Senator Bourne a question, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, would you yield?

SENATOR BOURNE: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Bourne, did you hear the little discussion that Senator McDonald and I just had?

SENATOR BOURNE: I did, and that is one...that was one of the questions, or one of the things that Senator McDonald and I discussed. We are going to look at this over the summer. Right now, there is hospice service, as I understand, provided by the prison, in the prison system, now. So I think the medical bills would still be paid for by the state, or some other entity. But that is something that we're going to look at over the summer.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Combs, on the Brashear amendment.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I just want to stand up and say I do support this bill. I think that end-of-life issues are extremely important, and just because someone has been a prisoner, they're eligible for parole, they should be allowed to die with dignity. That's what the hospice program is all about. Having worked in home health and hospice, I can tell you that it is death with dignity. It