

turn to page 3, it is actually the fourth page, and look at the comparison at the top, the cost element has current, and current is what it was before the sale, projected is what it is now after the sale, and the increase or drop down to the bottom where it says cost containment and this is the part that really reaches home to each and every senior citizen, to each and every person that is going to reside in a nursing home that has been sold. Increased cost per diem, \$3.55; per month per patient increase, \$108.16; per year per patient increase, \$1,297.96. Now unless Senator Goodrich is going to make this up out of his pocket, I would suggest that there is going to be an increase of about \$1,300 at Pierce Manor to those individuals because of the sale of this nursing home that went up about three hundred and fifty percent and that is not the sole example. You have the list in front of you. Take a look. Book value, \$633,000 to \$686,000; one of \$159,000 to \$326,000; one from \$290,000 to \$700,000. Who makes up those additional costs? The residents do. Let me talk about another area. Let's talk about the purchase of equipment for a second. Out in Senator Kelly's District in Grand Island they recently purchased a head scanner. The cost on that particular piece of equipment was \$200,000. There is no neurologist in Grand Island. The nearest one is located in Kearney. Right now the neurologist sends the people that need to use that facility over to Grand Island because that is where the head scanner is. However, there has been talk that if the bill passes as was originally amended by the committee amendments that then there is going to be a head scanner put in Kearney, Nebraska. Question, if you have only one neurologist in a 150 or a 200 or a 250 mile radius and that neurologist lives in Kearney and you have a head scanner in Kearney, where do you suppose the people that need to use the head scanner are going to go? Answer, they are not going to go to Grand Island. They are going to go to Kearney. But what then happens to the head scanner at Grand Island?

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR SIMON: It rots. It is not going to be used but yet that cost is going to have to be picked up. Who is going to pay for the \$200,000? It is going to be patients, patients who aren't going to be using that facility, patients who aren't going to be using that particular head scanner but the cost is going to have to be borne. What I am suggesting to you, and these are only two areas, that the committee amendments do, in fact, gut the bill. Senator Goodrich has said very clearly without any doubt that a number of people just as soon not have any bill at all but federal legislation has