

please try to respond. Under Section 18, you say that this reflects the change made in number (blank) above.

SENATOR CULLAN: That should be number 12, I am sorry. It was a typographical problem and that relates to the two...

SENATOR MARSH: It stipulates that a new health service will trigger the review only if the \$250,000 indexed annual operating procedure, but as I read it, it now is \$400,000?

SENATOR CULLAN: No, that would be \$250,000. If you want to start a new service, if it costs more than \$250,000, you have to undergo certificate of need under this proposal. The \$400,000 relates to doctors offices. Any equipment in doctors offices that would exceed \$400,000 in cost would have to undergo certificate of need so that is the changes or that is where the \$400,000 figure comes from.

SENATOR MARSH: So as I understand it, you have used the top figure allowed by federal government and our state doesn't happen to be one of the states with a multi-million dollar population or a multimillion person population where these figures might be more appropriate than they may be in Nebraska, is that correct?

SENATOR CULLAN: I will present some evidence later that I think justifies this move, Senator Marsh. I disagree with you entirely. I think the \$600,000 figure, the \$250,000 figure and the \$400,000 figure are very defensible for the State of Nebraska or for any state.

SENATOR MARSH: For any state regardless of the size? Thank you very much.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Marsh's questions of Senator Cullan emphasize the point that I am going to make in my comments, which is that we have before us a major amendment to this bill, which has got a lot of questions that are raised by this amendment, which I don't think any of us are really aware of the answers to. Senator Cullan may know but the rest of the us or the 48 members have not seen this proposal, I don't believe, until this morning. I haven't. It was talked about at Public Health and Welfare Committee. We talked about the idea of introducing a bill as a committee bill. That motion was adopted by the committee. Everything was planned to have this same proposal introduced by the committee, heard by the committee, and then acted upon by the committee, and instead what we have is action by Senator Cullan bypassing