

don't have it in the best form possible but please bear with me. The first part of the handout deals with the editorial from the Lincoln Star which reads "Legislature Shines in Health Care Cost Debate". I wanted to point out for you that there was a great deal of public support for the effort we undertook in 1979. The Journal, the Star, the World Herald and many of the outstate papers were all very interested in this issue and we got tremendous support and interest in trying to make some changes. I don't want you to forget that because it was perhaps the Legislature's finest hour over the past few years in showing we were independent and capable of making decisions that maybe ran against the special interest lobbies and against the powers that be outside of this Chamber and we were willing to stand up for what we thought was right and it brought us I think a great deal of attention and public support. The next handout that you have is from the World Herald which again talks about the need for the Legislature to fight for strong certificate of need legislation and their support for that effort. The next series of handouts deals with a discussion of the major issues that exist in two bills that were introduced last year, LB 502 and LB 378. LB 502 is still held in committee. It was introduced by myself, Senator Schmit and Senator DeCamp. There are a number of issues that relate between that bill and this bill as it now stands. Now you add to that the amendments Senator Cullan proposes and you have a major set of controversies and a major range of issues dealing in a very important area, that is health care costs and health care cost containment, and I don't think very many people, including myself, know all of those issues and all the ramifications of the amendments that are before us and I don't think it is fair to ask people to make a decision at this time on those. So that is an attempt to try and delineate some issues between LB 378 and LB 502. You can look at those for an idea of some of the issues that are present in these amendments. The next handout deals with the savings that resulted from the certificate of need process as identified by the Health Department. Now the figures that are shown here are for '79 to '81 and realize that this started late in 1979 so we are really talking about a two year period essentially. Almost \$10 million can be shown to be reduced expenditures in health care or rejected expenditures in health care, almost \$10 million. An additional four to five million dollars were rejected by the Health Department staff but then overridden by the Appeals Board which now exists which gets back to the crux of the argument with Senator Cullan which wants to take out of the Health Department staff's capability rejecting these proposals and putting it in the hands of this Advisory Committee. And what we have seen what they just saved and