

as what Senator Cullan said a short time ago when he mentioned that the helicopter does not come under the certificate of need, I am wondering why it doesn't. There is a couple of other things I would like to discuss. An Omaha hospital has built a car wash that is now in operation. I am wondering whether the car wash came under the certificate of need, whether it is necessary for a hospital to build a car wash on the grounds for the doctors and medical personnel for their use, and incidentally, it is quite expensive. I believe it is \$7 or \$8 for a car wash, or the service they provide which is vacuuming out the car, whatever. But it seems to me that a hospital going into that type of service is going to reflect back on the cost. Over the weekend I received a call from an elderly woman that for years and years was getting a prescription from her doctor and obtaining her medicine from Skaags. It was \$2.75. She was sent to a nursing home and the very same medicine, the very same prescription is now costing her \$9....\$9 more, I am sorry. And then also I talked to someone this morning that went to the hospital and asked for two Tylenol tablets and they were charged \$1 for two tablets. So we see what is happening in our medical care costs and if we don't watch what we are doing very, very carefully, we are going to see the hospitals now in the future years charging more than anyone of us can afford to be sick or anything else, especially if you don't have any group insurance. I urge you to listen carefully to what Senator Wesely is saying. Do not weaken our certificate of need as it stands now, especially this amendment, and let me read just parts of it here. It says, "The panel appears to be provider dominated. The cost of CON reversals by the appeals panel will result in excess cost to the consumer". It goes on to say that "placing a conflict of interest standard on the panel members." Well we know that is not going to happen and it is going to go on having the provider dominated panel where decisions will be made behind closed doors with no public hearing and we will see more car washes. We are seeing beauty shops there now and gift shops. We are now going to see car washes and any other type of service on hospital grounds and you and I are going to be paying for it. Watch this very carefully. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would just like to call attention to some of the things that we have discussed here in the past on this bill and some of the reasoning that resulted in the adoption of some rather stringent certificate of need amendments in the past. It was felt that...had been pointed out here on the