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They will not be able to spend time working on major projects. Whatever that figure is is difficult to determine. I think \$500,000 is acceptable. I am not willing to go as low as \$350,000 because I think it will bring in too many projects. I think that Senator Hoagland and Senator Wesely and others are accomplishing their purpose now and that is to delay a vote on this until some other time. I really don't think the Legislature is going to change its mind overnight, and I really see no reason in this tactic, but again I would urge you to adopt the amendment...oppose the Hoagland amendment and adopt the Marsh-Cullan amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Will you yield to another question, Senator Cullan? Now I know, Senator Cullan, you are not from Douglas County and this bill really pertains to Douglas and Lancaster County because that is where we have the overbedding problem, but is your argument to all of these... all of our colleagues here in the body that a project of \$350,000 is a minor project? I mean, that sounds like a lot of money to me. It seems that you are arguing that we are going to exempt the minor projects from this bill, and only have it pertain to the major projects. Now I know in Omaha a \$350,000 construction project is a big project. Are you saying that that is a minor project and we shouldn't be bothered with a project of that size?

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Hoagland, I think that is a good point. The dollar level for HSA review should be reconsidered upon I think and the dollar level under this particular amendment I think should be raised to at least \$500,000. I have some information that the projects under \$500,000 represent a small percentage of the total projects cost, 4.7 percent, that they take up a large time of the health systems agencies and hospital certificate of need workload, about 50 percent. I guess those are nationwide statistics. And so I think that when we are talking about minor projects....

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR CULLAN:relatively smaller projects taking up most of the time for certificate of need review, that that makes certificate of need counterproductive and I think that we should raise the threshold to \$500,000.

SENATOR CLARK: You have got about 30 seconds. Do you want to take it?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: We are still on my opening now, Mr. President? Is that right?

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