

sides before I got involved in anything or did anything this year I would definitely let them know in advance and so right now I am serving notice. I am going to vote to advance the bill today and I am going to vote to advance the bill because I think it needs to be there for some major surgery on Select and the reason it needs major surgery is neither the Senator Wesely proposals nor the Senator Cullan proposals nor the things we're doing at this point are addressing the health care cost problems. I've met with some doctors who uniformly called me and gave me instructions to vote for the bill. I sat down and reasoned with them a little bit and I think when they listened and reasoned they realized this situation is far more serious than maybe they would like to believe or have been led to believe. And sometimes they can be cutting off the goose...killing the goose that lays the golden egg, cutting off their noses to spite their face, this kind of thing. What I am saying is the system the way it works now, you have an open end in terms of getting money from the government, the taxpayer, and at the other end no containment, no control really over the cost. The bureaucracy of the system we've got doesn't seem to work and it isn't right that you call something free enterprise and have an open end taking money from the government at the other end and the best proof is what is happening to health care costs. So I repeat, I am serving notice. I know Senator Schmit has had some meetings with people and we will sit down and talk to anybody before he offers anything or I offer anything but I do believe the time has come to look at the issue in a little more depth and come up with something constructive and that is not to say that Senator Cullan isn't doing the greatest job possible in terms of effort nor that Senator Wesely isn't doing the same but I think it is time to do something different.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't know whether to thank or to not thank Senator DeCamp for his comments. I have been confused a bit about where all the people are on this issue but let me make it clear where I am. I oppose the bill. I oppose its process, the stuff that has been taken to amend this bill. I think that we've circumvented the public in this whole effort and we haven't allowed a public hearing, that we haven't allowed full debate on the key issues involved. This is no minor bill. I can understand concern about moving expeditiously on many matters but in this case we're talking about a major element in the economy of this state, that being