

religiously organized and funded through charitable contributions and the good labors of a lot of worthy people. They are no longer nonprofit. I want to tell you very frankly that we have paid all of our attention, we have directed all of our attention against the acquisition of new brick and mortar, new equipment, etc. and we have totally ignored the money that passes through the hospital. We have totally ignored the income. We have paid no attention, as I pointed out yesterday, to the sixty-four hundred dollar bill accumulated in thirty-six hours by a person who went in in a coma and came out dead and was charged \$680 per day for room and board in addition to I don't know how many intravenous feedings. Now this is the type of thing that has driven health care costs through the roof, Senator Wesely...

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...and we have ignored this. Now I don't care whether the bill moves to Select File or not today. I will not vote to move it to Select File because I agree with Senator Wesely, the faster it moves the less chance I will have to develop amendments which I think are absolutely mandatory if we are going to face the facts of this situation and do something constructive but notwithstanding my good friends of the press. They know less about the bill than anyone and they are absolutely deluding the public when they say that passage of the bill in the original form is going to hold down health care costs and they are being unfair to Senator Cullan when they imply that he is out to raise the roof with his amendments because they have not touched upon the basic cost and that is the daily cost, the thousands and thousands of dollars per day cost for hospital care...

PRESIDENT: Time, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...which I don't think can be justified and which must be remedied.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to follow up on Senator Schmit's comments which were well taken by me because I think exactly what he said is exactly right and I haven't ignored the fact that these other expenditures are every bit as important as the capital expenditures that we're talking about with this bill. I had a bill in 1979 that would have revealed for the public the financial status of hospitals and nursing homes that would have provided some comparative data on usage of