

facilities and services, at what cost, and compared these sort of things for the state to know. Right now we can't get this information in any sort of comparative form and that bill has been reintroduced with a number of cosponsors on this floor in form of LB 880 and I think that gets a little bit at the point that Senator Schmit is talking about that we need to get a look at these other financial questions at hand behind the capital expenditures problem. And so when Senator Schmit talks about this bill hasn't kept health care costs down well certainly he is right. The health care costs have still gone up 18% the first three months of 1981 was the figure I've got in a handout from the World Herald. So definitely health care costs are still going up. The point is they would have gone up much higher if this bill had not been passed in 1979 and the millions of dollars that have been saved from this bill have kept the costs from going up even further. So when you are concerned about high health care costs and point to the fact that they are going up higher than they should be, they would have gone up much faster as a result of not having this legislation and as far as getting at the root of the problem we have to get back to that question about the fact that public through the tax dollar and through the third party payers is not directly being affected by these costs and thus, their concern for high health care costs is a bit insulated and so they are not certain how they are supposed to react to this problem because insurance will take care of it and their tax dollars are not certain how much of the budget goes to health care. And so because of this the public does not react as they would in the normal circumstance the way they have to the energy problem, the way they have tried to conserve in energy consumption to keep their cost down. There is no incentive for them to conserve with health care at this point because they are not having to pay directly and somebody else is picking up the tab so they are not really getting involved and we need to change that system and we need to get back to some sort of competition and free market principles that I think can keep health care costs down. But when Senator Cullan talks about, well see one isn't working and when Senator Schmit talks about that and others who have their concerns about this process, I say I am all for you trying to come up with another system because I think we can find one that will work better but until we come up with that other system let's not abandon the one that has worked and maybe to a small degree compared to what we need but nevertheless has worked to help keep health care costs down compared to what they