

moments we're going to be hearing from the Governor about the necessity for cutting to the bone the expenditures of state government. It is inconceivable to me that any member of this body would not do everything they possibly could to cut the cost of one of the major items that affect every single member of this body and every single citizen of this state and that is health care. It is also unforgivable to me that we will allow a professional person to abuse their profession and describe illegally a narcotic drug to enter into the drug trade and then slap the wrist of some fifteen year old kid that is selling a joint to his neighbor. I think that we ought to start at the top and work our way down. That is what this bill does. If I had more time I would take more time. I think that Senator Dworak is concerned the bill is too narrow. If it were broad he would object that it is too broad. I think it is high time that we do those things that we know we can do to hold down costs. The people who have been saying they want to hold down health care costs ought to vote to bring this bill back and that is all I'm going to say at this time.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan and this will be the last speaker and then Senator DeCamp will close. Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, I'm going to be very brief and if I could have the Legislature's attention for just a second...

PRESIDENT: Let's have some order. It is only a ten minute period and you should pay attention. Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: I opposed this bill at every step across the process because I was concerned about the immunity clause. Senator Landis and Blue Cross have worked out those problems. I've always supported the concept of the bill. I think it is in good shape now and I don't think it gives Blue Cross an open door to do whatever they want to do. I think the immunity is tied down. It is related to professional practice. That is what it should be and I support the bill with this amendment. I urge you to bring it back to do what Senator Schmit and Blue Cross desire the bill to do.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp for purposes of closing.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Thirty seconds. Senator Dworak said he opposed it because it is only for Blue Cross and that if it is going to be fair it should apply to all insurance companies including private insurance companies. Answer: I have just talked to the Department of Insurance Director who is right behind the glass in the rotunda. He has assured me that it does apply to