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the Public Health Committee put out in 602 which also provided the flexibility to the Department of Welfare to determine the eligibility for incidents so I guess in some cases they can have the authority, other cases they cannot. But I personally will support not across the board cuts but vertical cuts where programs are eliminated and you maintain adequate funding for those that are most important. So if this amendment is not adopted, we will be reoffering the amendment that gives the department vertical cut authority, or if you prefer to prorate funding of all programs less, some less than adequate that may be more important, then you should support Senator Cullan's.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Higgins, did you want to talk on the amendment?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Yes, I would like to ask Senator Cullan for some clarification.

SENATOR CLARK: All right, Senator Cullan.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Cullan, I am not sure I understand this amendment as written, but it says the Public Welfare shall impose a prorata reduction of all allowable costs for optional services. What would the optional services be?

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Higgins, there are several optional services that would be within the prorata reduction. They are chiropractic, private duty nursing, personal care services, dental services, hearing aids, speech therapy, physical therapy, podiatry, medical equipment, prosthetic devices, clinics, psychologists, visual care, drugs and ambulance services.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Under this amendment then it says costs which reflect manufacturer's actual cost of materials, skilled nursing care services for individuals 21 years of age and under, intermediate nursing care services for mentally retarded, intermediate care facility services for individuals 65 and older in institutions for mental disease, such reductions shall be a percentage designed... are you saying then that this amendment would exclude those people or it is going to include them?

SENATOR CULLAN: Those specific programs which you just mentioned would not receive the prorata reduction until all optional services had...the other optional services had been cut 10 percent. The reason is that those services