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but all their professional fees and their association fees the Department of Welfare has been paying for. Not really, the people that are entitled to the Medicaid have been paying for it because all these travel expenses we have been paying for is just that much less money to pay for medications and medical care that the poor and the infirmed and the handicapped need so badly. They need it a lot more than a hospital administrator needs six hours of continuing education on how to beat a union. I could tell them in less than six hours. If there are any questions I will be happy to answer them.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Higgins, will you respond to a question?

SENATOR NEWELL: I have a question. I regret that I did not hear the first part of your statement. I did, however...the topic and the whole issue perked my interest. Could you tell me how those programs are being supported out of Medicaid funds? Are they directly...

SENATOR HIGGINS: It is my understanding that the Public Welfare now reimburses them for travel expenses and for association fees and dues.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay...associated with the continuing, the educational programs?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Yes, and you being a union organizer, you can appreciate this kind of a program, how to bust a union or keep a union from organizing, and they get six hours credit for taking that course, and the Department of Welfare or the taxpayers pay for their trips, meals, the whole shebang. It is very important I think for the hospital or the nursing home administrator to know.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay, what other kinds of programs do they offer, Senator Higgins?

SENATOR HIGGINS: I don't have all the information before me but I will tell you one thing, Senator Newell, I don't think any programs they have got are as important as giving health care to the poor.

SENATOR NEWELL: Your amendment is on the desk. How does that...does the amendment strike those funds aimed at continuing education?