

SENATOR NELSON: I guess that is enough on my time. Do I have any...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR NELSON: All right, thank you, Senator Lynch. Also from the facts from the county at home, over 50 percent of their care for the indigent brought into the Grand Island Hospital was not reimbursed by the outlying counties, and I am not blaming those counties because they have the same financial burden as the rest of us. So I will be supporting the bill. I may stumble on the \$12 million, though. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I would like to ask a question of Senator Lynch, if he would please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Lynch, relative to the fiscal note, I am sorry I wasn't here yesterday, I wanted to visit with you about this, could you give us a little more information about the projected cost and the source and origin. I recognize that although it may look like it is heavily oriented towards Douglas County that there are a great many of the outstate patients who come in from out of state and they are treated at Douglas County. Can you tell me what the cost is going to be annually and what you expect it to be in the future.

SENATOR LYNCH: Well, first of all, it could never exceed \$12 million. That is a cap that we think is important. I don't think it will be that much for the whole year based on what numbers I apparently have seen official and unofficial. The fiscal note also provides, Senator Schmit, some cost for the administration which cause me more concern than the total dollars.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Do you know what Douglas County pays now for this kind of service?

SENATOR LYNCH: Douglas County is one of the counties that has a program called Primary Care, and at the present time, they are spending close to \$2 million a year for indigent care, for those folks described as indigent under this bill.