

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, absolutely.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I heard you. On your time, I want that better explained. how it does that. I am still trying to figure out if the state is taking over the cost, if I am not serving any more people, than why am I immoral if I vote against the bill because I really do want to help out indigent care, I want to do that, but I am concerned about who pays for it. Now as Senator Nelson has already mentioned, there has been several people that have called me and mentioned that we are not talking about helping poor people out, we are talking about property tax relief and how we need to help the counties out, how we need to do all this. And though I agree with that, the only problem I have for those of you in the body who always like to mention how bills are good because they are going to provide property tax relief, I would suggest that LB 187 is not the best bill to do that because you are never going to get credit for it. Because if you want to give property tax relief, then spend \$12 million in property tax relief and do it that way. You are going to be one too many times removed for the state ever to realize the benefits of saving some property taxpayers money in this bill. And just to go into that, my concern about the \$12 million cap, I know that has been mentioned that this will only cost the state \$12 million, and that is all it ever will cost the state, I have some concern about that. If you have looked at the handout I have passed out regarding the state take-over of Medicaid, I remember some promises back a few years ago about what that would cost the state when the state took over Medicaid. Well, it cost us a lot more for that. Do you remember, I forget the exact figures, but when we took over the additional 14 percent, there was something like an \$18 million fiscal note, if I remember correctly, and if someone can correct me, please do so, I am speaking off the top of my head. But as you can see, it is much more than \$18 million the state is picking up on that right now. And the concern that I have is that this \$12 million, though there is a \$12 million cap in there, next year that cap is going to be 14, and the next year it is going to be 18, next year it is going to be...after that it is going to be 24. It is going to continue to cost us money. Now if you want to do this in the name of it makes common sense because 46 other states do it, that is fine. That is a good argument I will buy. If you want to do it because...you want to pass this bill because you want to help indigent care people out, that is fine but I don't know if you are really helping that many more people out. The only thing is you are shifting