

who is paying for it, and I don't know if the state wants to do this. And so I guess today I will be voting no on this bill. As I look into it more, I hope that people would explain to me, if my no vote, does that mean I am against property tax relief, does that mean I am against indigent care, I don't know. I sure don't want to be against poor people receiving health care, but I guess I am saying that I don't think anybody should vote for this because it is property tax relief because you will never get credit for it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I guess that with health issues I don't understand them as much as Senator Wesely and Senator Lynch. Senator Lynch, I would like to ask you some questions, if I could. I would like to put it in kind of practical terms if I could. Say that I am an indigent person, and sometimes I think I am, that how does it work. Say that I have to check into the hospital in Omaha because we don't have any hospitals in our district, I suffer from ulcers. How does it work, then how does it go from there? I check into the hospital and so forth. If you can take me through the sequence. You know, is there...what kind of a room am I put in? You know, is there some control over the expenses of the hospital, and so if you could do that, Senator Lynch, I would really appreciate it.

SENATOR LYNCH: First of all, I would say that you would not be eligible for this program, as poor as you are. Right. Seccondly, if you went into the hospital on an emergency basis, you would be cared for and treated. Like everybody else, information would be gathered to determine how you would pay for that care and treatment.

SENATOR HARTNETT: No, what I said, I was an indigent person.

SENATOR LYNCH: You are an indigent person.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah, I am an indigent.

SENATOR LYNCH: You will be provided with care without regard to whether you...in fact, when you went in, they probably wouldn't know whether you were indigent or not at the time. They would just take care of you. But afterwards, that is the reason I mentioned the information. The information they would gather