

Nelson suggested that maybe the A bill is too high. You know, we can talk about that but to summarily change that or to not allow this bill to continue to proceed through the system because we are not sure would not be fair. I understand Senator Scofield's concern. You know, how many of these are we going to have? Well, Senator Scofield, we are going to have a bunch of them. I don't know how many bills that cost millions and hundreds of millions of dollars that your Appropriations Committee is hearing. All of us, because we don't have the opportunity to be there with you at the Appropriations hearings, don't know what they are. So you can consider those and present them to us in the twelfth hour of the Legislature like it always happens, and we don't have the chance like we have with this one, and like with other big ticket items, to consider, so to summarily suggest that these we should set our priorities now, and we should not allow some of these to consider, establish our priorities now, do you know all the priorities, everybody? Do you know all the big ticket items that are out there? Do you know how much they all cost? Well, if you do that, somebody stand up and tell me what they all are because I will join with you, Senator Scofield, and everybody else to decide our priorities right now. Have the Appropriations Committee kick them all out right now. They can't because the process isn't completed yet. This process isn't completed yet. This bill should be allowed to consider so they can be included in and be part of the process. We should not, we have an obligation, in fact, not to preclude further consideration of these things, whatever the cost might be, until we all know what all of the priorities are so we, at that time, can make up our mind. But to do any different than that would suggest that, you know, we have made up our mind, we don't want to be confused with the facts, so simply kill the bill. Lastly, the process we have now is obviously the most costly. When these people aren't being reimbursed, when they know when these kinds of people that this would serve don't go to get treated because they know they can't afford it, it means simply that rather than taking care of them in a primary way and primary to any serious medical problems, we simply let the problem fester and get worse, creating even more cost and severely affecting even more people. I would just simply hope that you would allow this legislation to consider through the process. It is a very complicated bill in some ways. Like so many others, it needs an awful lot of time, tender loving care to understand, but please let it continue through the process. Give it a chance along with all of those other priorities that maybe you know about that I don't know