

of care, and so, although this is a well-intended effort to hold down the cost of this kind of care, I just want to remind you that eventually it isn't going to make any difference anyway.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore, did you care to discuss the amendment? Thank you. Senator Crosby, on the Smith amendment, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to ask Senator Smith a question, if she would just answer quickly for me.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith, would you respond, please?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR CROSBY: I guess, I read through this again to be sure I understand it, and I watched last year when Senator Withem's bill went through, what do you consider \$25,000 worth of assets. What is included? Is that cash assets? I know it says what the Social Security says, but what, in your own mind, what do you think?

SENATOR SMITH: Assets to me would be anything over and above their monthly income allowance, the home, the car, the burial expense fund, those kind of things.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay.

SENATOR SMITH: Or you could (interruption) your savings...

SENATOR CROSBY: Savings or...

SENATOR SMITH: Up to \$25,000, interest returns,...

SENATOR CROSBY: Anything you can turn into cash?

SENATOR SMITH: Yeah, which would be assets, something that they could convert, yes.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion on the amendment? Senator Smith, would you care to close?