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SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment fails. Next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, we're back to the original amendment, AM1246.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well an attempt to compromise didn't succeed very well. I'm certainly seeing the handwriting on the wall which is one of the reasons I've filed a number of amendments to try and deal with this bill. I know how strongly the lobby has been working this measure. I know how strongly the pressure has been applied and I know how difficult it is to want to wade through the issues, but the key issue on this matter is about to be discussed and that is the question of what we review in terms of new services. Before we get to that let me again emphasize to you, short of that element, that question, we have done through this legislation tremendous things to help the industry, the providers of this state, to have an easier time of getting through certificate of need. Home health services are removed. We make it easier to deal with the hospital and nursing home conversion issue. We take a number of things and move them to what is called nonsubstantive review which is a very easy process to work through, computers no longer having to be reviewed and we have capital expenditures going from 500,000 to 1.2. We have annual operating expenditures from 284,000 to 550,000; major medical from 400 some thousand to one million and capital expenditures for new services from zero to 900,000. We change the system, we streamline it. We make it easier all the way around for everybody. I am just asking that as we give that much back, that we hold the line in one area, one area alone that I'm going to press and make as clear as I can and that is the concept of trying to review new services. This is a problem for the whole country and is exemplified by a handout that I sent around which said, health care costs rising 10.7 percent. One of the key factors was the use of sophisticated but costly technology and treatments for heart ailments, kidney disease, cancer and AIDS. This chart also went through coronary artery bypass surgery, kidney dialysis which is renal dialysis, cardiac care, heart/liver transplants, artificial hearts, nuclear magnetic resonators, all these different new concepts either in surgery or equipment that are nothing today in terms of an overall