

into open-heart surgery or cardiac catheterization or angioplasty you're dealing with a very delicate, difficult operation. You need to have skills and ability. There is a cost to set up these operations. The surgery itself is very difficult and you can't have just everybody anywhere doing these things. It is inefficient, but it's also dangerous if you have everybody providing these services and they don't have repetition, the quality diminishes and you have a difficult time in trying to provide the kind of care that we want for our citizens. In addition you have a number of other things that I'll go through. I guess my time is running out, but I certainly want to get into the real main event here and that is the issue of what list is provided for review and what can we do to try and see that new services are reviewed by the state.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time. Thank you. Discussion, Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: (Response inaudible.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you very much. We're down to the basic issue, should we require a new service even if it has zero, zero costs, if it is a new service offered by a hospital, must it go through a certificate of need? I say no. We are back to what Senator Baack referred to as have and "have nots". In Senator Wesely's own handout it states rural hospitals are struggling. They are have nots. With the innovative new mobile services that extend far beyond just the CAT scan they can offer those services on a once a week basis for their resident doctors to use at no cost to the hospital. Why should that go through a lengthy certificate of need? Why should a hospital in a larger area have the freedom to come in to a hearing and object and put a stop to that service being offered at a more convenient hospital for our rural citizens? Why should they have to pay more? I say we don't need a list. If, in fact, the service is going to cost more than the \$900,000 in capital expenditure or the 500,000 in increased operational costs to administer and run the program, yes, then it would have the certificate of need. But it is unreasonable to require these people that are not going to spend any additional money to go through this certificate of need. Senator Wesely has addressed quality as one of the questions of certificate of need. Quality is not something that you look at before you start the service. Certificate of need is a service entry point. The quality is