

challenge the last germaneness matter. This is a similar amendment. I don't know, I suppose it may be ruled nongermane again, but I'd like to give some of you a chance. I know some of you have mentioned to me that, Senator Moore got up and talked about it, that you may not like particularly the one I'm offering but you're at least recognizing the problem I'm trying to address and I'm going to repeat it just a little bit more and then perhaps we can move on. But, clearly, I haven't filed all these amendment just because I enjoy doing it. It frankly isn't too much fun standing up here and having nine votes for your amendments. At the same time I chair the Health Committee. I've been on the committee 11 years. I was one of the key sponsors of the bill in 1979 and I worked hard to see that bill passed and I was disappointed when it was basically weakened and watered down in '81. And ever since I have tried to watch the system and keep an eye on it and I've been disappointed, terribly disappointed. This bill does a lot of good things in changing the process and the case of the Medical Center is one example. The Medical Center now, after being turned down by one review, goes to a second review, same individuals, not same individuals, same type of individuals, public citizens and they have to jump through two hoops. They don't need to do that. One review would have been adequate. If they would have been turned down and been able to go to court if they so decided to do that. But nevertheless, despite all those procedural changes that improve the process, the providers have come in and they have asked for great increases in their thresholds, to appoint far beyond what I think is reasonable and beyond what most other states provide as a matter of fact. And so I am saying that they have a responsibility, that the supporters of this bill have a responsibility to come back with some ideas about what we can do about this problem. I have passed out the information, you've got the statistics about how much health care costs are going up, you know the situation with our own budget, how many millions more dollars we're going to be spending on health care. \$30 million plus in this budget alone increase in health care costs. Over a two-year period obviously twice that amount of money and more on the horizon as we have found, for instance, on the health insurance of state employees. It's much greater than we're even providing for in the increase that we've got on our budget. We've got a serious problem. Certificate of need is not solving that problem. It can help to some degree and I think it has helped, but we need to do more and better at trying to deal with this issue. And for those people who are supporting the bill to come in here and ask us to fund all these