

in the health care profession in Nebraska and in Hastings and in here. I've had three good friends come to Bryan Hospital in Lincoln for open-heart surgery, another one for angioplasty. They come to Lincoln because we do have the division. Lincoln General, along with other things has the Trauma Center and I have seen that in action on November 10, 1984, when six girls were brought in off of U.S. Highway 77. That trauma team, let me tell you was tremendous. Dr. John Cherry and the rest of them were absolutely wonderful. Dr. Herb Reese at Bryan is a leading heart surgeon. Why someone would take somebody from Omaha to Wisconsin instead of bringing him to Lincoln, I wouldn't have any idea. And the third one, St. Elizabeth's was neonatal and Burn Unit. How can you say that these people are not working hard to divide up the work and not overdo it and try to keep health costs down? I think all of them work very hard to try to keep the health costs in line. There is a great need and demand for health services these days and perhaps the consumers sometimes are at fault because they want everything, they want miracles worked every day and they want the doctors, nurses and other people to perform those miracles if possible. I have one question for Senator Wesely, and I ask this in good faith, Don, I'm not trying to needle you. But you made one statement a little bit back about you were going to form a task force to study this. My first question is, why do you think we need one and who will decide who is on it, and who will pay for it?

SENATOR WESELY: As most cases that we've had other task forces, as the one that prepared most of the changes in this bill, it is formed by me and it is formed already. The membership has already been determined.

SENATOR CROSBY: And who decided who would be on it?

SENATOR WESELY: I did.

SENATOR CROSBY: And you don't think that the Legislature should have some input on that perhaps? Who is going to pay for it?

SENATOR WESELY: There is no cost involved with it.

SENATOR CROSBY: There has to be cost. You can't have meetings and so on without some cost being involved.

SENATOR WESELY: Surprisingly enough, it can be done.