

don't think many of you perhaps, and certainly on the lobby are really very concerned or listening to what I am trying to accomplish in raising these issues. You know, filibuster is not too much fun and I don't enjoy this particularly. I remember when Senator Hall went through this recently and the bill I didn't particularly care very much about, but it meant a great deal to him. Maybe you feel that this particular issue isn't of that great importance and I can understand that, but this is the one bill trying to address the question of quality health care and the question of how do we pay for health care and how do we contain health care costs? And though I understand the desires of proceeding, we have, I guess, another 20 amendments to go. It would make a difference to me, Senator Elmer and Senator Baack and others, if I heard the desire on the part of the supporters of this bill to talk and work and try to come to some compromise. If, instead of the current response that I get on the measure which is we like the bill the way it is and there is no reason to consider further amendments, and certainly the numbers are in your favor, maybe time isn't on your side but numbers are on your side, I still think in terms of serving the public interest we should consider how we might further address health care cost problems, how we address the quality issues I have raised and if the supporters of the bill had some desire to be reasonable about some further amendments, perhaps we could proceed with the legislation. But, instead, I don't have that feeling and, of course, under the circumstances as an individual senator, there is not much choice I have but to try and, one by one, work my way through the issues that need to be addressed. Again, this particular amendment gets back to the issue of morbidity reporting. One of the things in exchange for no list, if we're not able to have the oversight before a service is opened up and review it, if we could at least have the morbidity reporting so that we can identify what is happening, what is happening to the quality of care for our citizens, what is happening to loss of life for our citizens perhaps or injury to our citizens from the care that is provided and now no longer regulated. If we don't have a list, at least we should have this sort of reporting so that the public and this legislative body can know how it is transpiring, how we are proceeding, how things are working out. We don't have that information. You know, I was going to come to you today and talk about... Senator Crosby and some of the others talked about the good quality care that we have, we don't have any information to document that. We don't have the ability to say particular areas or with particular hospitals, what is happening, what is the situation.