

think it's up to this body at this time to change that decision, and I therefore will support the Lindsay amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Labeledz, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Hall a question or two.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hall, I had touched on this when we were off the mike. Are you aware of any instances where two people or more needed open heart surgery at the same time?

SENATOR HALL: No, Senator Chambers, I'm not, but I'm sure that has happened in the past.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How many hospitals currently did you say in Omaha can perform the surgery?

SENATOR HALL: I think it is five, and I would...Senator Wesely is nodding yes, so I think five is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if, without Senator Lindsay's amendment, there could be a possibility of several people needing this surgery and the same doctors, the two would perform all of them? Is that what would happen?

SENATOR HALL: I'm not sure I understand your question, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are there more than two doctors, or are there only two doctors that perform this kind of surgery?

SENATOR HALL: There are, I think, more than two teams of physicians that function as a cardiac care team that perform these surgeries. They do move from hospital to hospital, based on where the patient is located and where they happen to have the ability to function.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if Bergan Mercy were added that wouldn't make these teams unable to accommodate Bergan Mercy, along with