

900,000, so it's a very small adjustment. I, personally, think it should go down to 800,000. But this is all that Senator Baack felt reasonable, and I guess that's what we'll have to take. The other item is the substantial or new service issue, and that is really the key issue before the Legislature. Right now any new service, or substantial change of service, any dollar figure kicks in the review by CON. The concern again is new services, new equipment that isn't currently being utilized, new surgeries. These things are what concern us and cost great deals of money to start up in and have a quality impact, and these are the things that are really the key problem with the bill. The task force that had been formed said that zero figure should go to \$100,000. The original bill, LB 429, went to \$1,500,000. The amendments that were adopted on General File lowered that to 900,000, and this amendment would go down to 750,000, essentially splitting the difference between the zero figure and the 1.5 million figure of the original bill. This is really a critical point and very important that we do reduce down to 750,000. Essentially, by doing that we will catch most of the equipment that would have been included on the list that I had proposed to the...to be back into the bill. What we do is, in the amendment that I have, is drop off the equipment from the list of review and assume that most of that equipment will be reviewed under this \$750,000 threshold. And then after, hopefully, we can adopt these thresholds, we can get into the issue of the list and what should be on it and what shouldn't be on it. So, hopefully, this will help focus the debate and clarify some concerns and take care of some of those issues. So I'd move the adoption of that part of the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Discussion on the divided AM1547. Senator Hall. Thank you. Senator Conway. Thank you. Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I do have a question for Senator Wesely. In your amendment, when you go down to 750,000, is that indexed?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR BAACK: Are you taking out the indexing, or are you leaving indexing in?

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, no, no, no, no, I don't think we take out