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SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, I will withdraw that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator, I now have your amendment AM1539.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. This amendment would have had thresholds at \$500,000 for new services, \$800,000 for new equipment, would have included a list not only for the surgeries, but also for the equipment, but, obviously, that is not the will of the body so I would have that motion withdrawn as well.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator, I now have AM1517 pending.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. That would be similar as the last amendment and, again, I would have that withdrawn.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator, I now have AM1513 pending. (See page 1919 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, this is one I am going to ask for a vote on and this one deals with the question of reporting. This bill would attempt to bring financial and economic and morbidity data to the public and to try to allow the people to know better what is happening to their health resources and the services and what is exactly the situation. I think one of the big problems, and I have said before, that we have had a serious problem with health care cost increases that we have got to get a handle on the situation. Certificate of need is in place and trying to do what it can to help the problem but it is inadequate. It is not enough. It deals with equipment, the capital expenditures, and some of the surgeries, and I think it has been helpful. I truly believe that and,