

Senator Wesely, any closing statement. Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Wesely amendment to LB 429. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Senator Wesely, back to you for the advancement of the bill. Excuse me, Senator Baack. I am sorry.

SENATOR WESELY: I would like to talk on advancement but I...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Closing is waived. Any discussion?

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker and members, I know you all want to go up to the zoo, and we will go from one to another, evidently, but it is all in good humor, all in good humor, but let me... I know there will be a rush to vote for the bill in advancement, and I have said it time and again, but here today, Senator Moore, I appreciate this. Senator Moore just caught tonight's World-Herald, medical center trims proposal in review effort. You remember we had a resolution through here for \$47.8 million for a six-story out-patient building and a parking garage. It was rejected by certificate of need. The medical center, evidently, and I just got this, I haven't had time to read it. Evidently, now they are cutting \$8 million from that proposal. You just saved \$8 million. I don't understand. I handed out for you a sheet, they are green sheets, and they go through over the years how CON has gone through and reduced or eliminated project after project saving expenditures that simply weren't needed, and you can argue on occasion that they made a mistake. Maybe they cut back too far. Maybe it cost more in the long run, I don't know, but you are terribly weakening a process that again just today and in the past has had a significant positive impact on the question of health care costs. We have, and I appreciate Senator Baack's cooperation to reduce the thresholds. The thresholds are back to a level at least that are somewhat reasonable. I am not saying they are what I would like to see at all, but at least we are trying to move in that direction. What I argue is that the lack of the list, the lack of the