

that think that we can run health care like we do at the grocery store and the free enterprise system should take over, remember a couple of things. Next time you go to see a doctor or you go to a hospital ask first how much it is going to cost. Can I see the hands of anybody here that did that the last time they went to a doctor or went to a hospital. Well, Conway embarrasses us everywhere he goes anyhow, but, seriously, think about that. Seriously, you cannot treat the cost of health care problems and say, well, if we just deregulate, it is no problem because costs will take care of themselves. You have got to be living in a dreamland to think that. That is why you need some kind of identification of numbers. You need something like Senator Warner discussed about, and Senator Wesely suggested, some kind of a reporting law. If you don't ask what things are going to cost, do you buy a tractor, do you buy gasoline, when you go to the grocery store, you see what costs are. You know, when you do anything, go buy a dress, you always ask. You know if you don't ask what it is going to cost, they have got prices up there. So, please, please, don't ever think that you are going to contain health care costs by simply deregulating. You are going to escalate health care costs. It is a cost plus business, and until President Reagan put in the DRGs, the diagnosis related grouping system where he is setting price on what the feds would pay with federal dollars for about 460 some procedures, nobody ever did anything to try to contain costs. Please remember that. Support this if you will. It seems to be the will of the body, but I think in the long run with all due respect of those who support it and the institutions that encourage its passage, you are only being kidded. The public is being kidded. Costs are going to continue to rise. You are not really going to serve any good purpose with this at all and, unfortunately, I have to say that. From a consumer point of view, this could be one of the worst things that could happen to the cost of health care, and we should have some how or another in place some kind of a system that forces us to justify the costs after we at least identify what those costs are.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, that won't be necessary. Senator Baack, would you care to close?

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I know everyone