

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I appreciate that Senator Moore is going to withdraw this amendment. I think I would have concerns about it and we have discussed this in the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Company and I think we killed the bill essentially that Senator Moore is offering here. We are going to take a look at it, I guess, in that committee, study it further. But the implications are cost based that you have to have some restrictions on who all is going to be involved in reimbursement and once you broaden it and include more people, in fact, you will spread costs and increase costs and so to maintain some cost controls you have to be selective on who your insurance covers and reimburses. And so I think I'm glad he's not going to pursue it and I would suggest that we all, you know, carefully look at this issue and I guess it will be back before us next year, but I would not in any way want to see this adopted this session.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, Mr. President, I just...I would...I don't know but I would suspect in reading the amendment that it probably would have something in the statute that would be different than what the contracts are that are signed. I think Senator Moore maybe indicated that and, obviously, that would be an impairment of contract which we probably wouldn't want to pass.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President and members, I concur with what Senator Wesely and Senator Warner have said, but I would have to, in defense of Senator Moore, point out that I know from experience how difficult it is sometime to get a bill out of committee. And I will be very honest with you because I do serve as a board member of Blue Cross-Blue Shield and I receive a \$5,000 a year salary for that and Blue Cross is very adamant about this bill. And I guess if you want to give some of my colleagues and Mr. John Humpal severe palpitations of the heart, Senator Moore, we probably could have advanced this...attached this amendment and there would have been repercussions all up and down the line. But I...I do want to say this, that Senator Moore understands the issue, he understands, as Senator Warner has said, the impairment of contracts. He also understands that