

interested in this and concerned. It would have been a matter of courtesy for those, especially me since I'm the sponsor of LB 187, to have some information. Senator Scofield said you have any legitimate questions. I think I raised legitimate questions. I'll ask her a legitimate question. If her hospital says that she would rather have the Medicaid/Medicare increases than 187, can she tell me now how much more it means to her hospital with Medicare than the indigent care bill, and what doctors will get the money and how much will they get? That's a legitimate question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Not by hospital I can't tell you, Senator Lynch. I must have misspoke, because I didn't...if my comments implied that you didn't have legitimate questions, I wasn't...I misspoke, because I think what I intended to say was you have raised some legitimate questions and I'm willing to work with you on it. I have a lot of hospitals in my district, Senator Lynch, and I simply couldn't tell you on a hospital by hospital basis today. Generally speaking, though, I think the increases would be more significant based on what my hospitals have, and I do a couple of letters back in my files that would...at least they're saying, yes, we think we'd be better off...

SENATOR LYNCH: You're on my time now, can I say this,...something...

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Excuse me.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...can I just, for what it's worth...

SENATOR SCOFIELD: It's all yours, Dan.

SENATOR LYNCH: Okay. No, I agree to that. I think the outstate hospitals are harder hit than most because of the percentage of Medicaid/Medicare patients they have, I understand that. So, I would suggest that maybe the best way is for me to withdraw my bracket motion, providing we separate the issue, as I understand Senator Moore is willing to do, and by the time we consider this on Select File we just don't get something indirectly but in writing, officially, from the Department of Social Services, from the Nebraska Medical Association, from the Hospital Association, from everybody about who is going to get this \$9.6 million, and I'm satisfied. It might even overcome