

agree with and I hope he is supporting the bill regardless. But the thing that I always had a problem with, I've always had a problem with is the situation that Bergan Mercy Hospital, and it comes down, you don't like the rules, you go back and try and change them. And I think if the Legislature permits this to happen, we basically slap the whole certificate of need process in the face and told all the hospitals in the state, you know, if you don't get your way with them, come to us in the political arena and we'll take care of you. Now, yes, we've voted on this before and I don't intend to take up a whole lot of time, but I just want to run it through one more time because I think it's the right thing to do. And that's all I really care to say and I give the remainder of my...and I want to mention that I'm sure as shootin' not doing this thing for St. Joe Hospital. I mean, I don't...if it happens to be the one it seems like they help, so be it, but I'm doing it simply because I wanted the Legislature to stand firm, we are going to raise the thresholds in CON, try and make it work better, but at the same time we, the Legislature, are going to stand behind that process and in their attempts to save us health care dollars in the State of Nebraska. And with that, I would relinquish the balance of my opening to Senator Lindsay.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lynch. Lindsay, I'm sorry. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues, I guess I concur a little bit with what Senator Moore said. It's not our intent to take a great deal of time on this on the floor tonight. It's kind of interesting to say tonight instead of today. I think what we want to do is just kind of go back, summarize or reiterate the reasons before, if the votes have changed, they've changed; if they haven't, they haven't and we'll go with whatever the consequences may be. But we would like to put it back before the body one more time for the body's decision on it. I think the first thing that we should review is the reasons for taking, to review what the amendment would do. It would strip open-heart surgery from the certificate of need revision, from LB 429, and would still require for open-heart surgery to have the certificate of need process. I think it's best to review the reasons on both sides and see which way they should stack up. The...first of all, I think the certificate of need process is designed for cost containment to