

that I want to emphasize is that this amendment makes this whole bill sound like that is what this bill is totally about, is a battle between Bergan and St. Joe's and it simply is not. This bill came to me from a number of health care associations and we've worked out a number of compromises as you realize we've compromised here on the floor a number of times in dealing with the thresholds in the CON process and I think we've got a bill that is in very, very good shape here. I think that what we have to realize here is that the thing where we do not provide that open-heart surgery has to be reviewed no matter what not only applies to the Bergan and the St. Joe case, it applies to all hospitals in the State of Nebraska. It is going to apply to all of them now. But we're not going to see any of them being able to qualify without going through the CON process because the thresholds are low enough that if they have to invest in all of the equipment and all of the operating room and things necessary to do it, they are going to have to go through the CON process, the thresholds will catch those people. So we're...and all of the hospitals in the State of Nebraska, as far as I know, are in support of this bill except for St. Joe's on this one issue in 429. I think with that I'll just stop. As Senator Labeledz has said, and so has Senator Lindsay, that we have debated this one time on Select File. We've looked at the issue. I think we should get to a vote as quickly as possible and see whether the votes are there. If they're not there, then I would hope that we would go ahead and read the bill tonight. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit waives. Senator Langford.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Five hands I do see. Shall debate cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate does cease. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, like...you all heard all the arguments before. Now I'm not like Senator Lindsay where obviously I have a vested interest in my district nor am I