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about, but, no, no, we're seeing that money eaten up and just basically for the same type of services sent away in tax dollars that we once had hoped for other purposes. So I'm concerned, I'm very concerned. We need to do something about it. We are going to, I think, take the wrong step with LB 429 and I would ask you to think about it a little more, perhaps discuss it a little more and then maybe we'll see if we can't come to some conclusions different than passing this bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Elmer, please.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you know, this is my priority bill and I feel like I should say just a couple of words before we take this final vote. First of all, the information that Senator Wesely is talking about are bricks and mortar and large ticket items. We're not removing those from certificate of need. Any of those capital construction budgets of any consequence at all other than to put in a new door or perhaps add one room would have to go through certificate of need. Secondly, Senator Lindsay, would you answer me a question.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Lindsay, one of the things you mentioned was you fear that St. Joe would possibly lose accreditation. Is that true.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mmm, hmm.

SENATOR ELMER: I don't think that's possible. First of all, does St. Joe send some of its doctors to intern at other hospitals?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes, it does.

SENATOR ELMER: Does it do it outside the City of Omaha?

SENATOR LINDSAY: I...well, I think you're talking about the Creighton Medical School does it send, yeah. Sure, it's different programs get accredited at different places.

SENATOR ELMER: Sure. University of Nebraska Medical Center is