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an accredited medical center, isn't it not?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Of course it is, yes.

SENATOR ELMER: Of course, and it's doing far fewer heart...open-heart surgeries than St. Joe. I think that that's possibly a misstatement. Last of all, Senator Wesely, would you answer me one question, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely, would you respond.

SENATOR ELMER: Have you read and understood the Federal Trade Commission report on certificate of need?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR ELMER: It shows certificate of need is actually increasing health care costs. Do you agree with that conclusion?

SENATOR WESELY: Absolutely not.

SENATOR ELMER: I understand, obviously. And because of certificate of need in my local hospital one operation, a CAT scan was costing \$300 to \$400 more per procedure than it would with the system, just one small example. We need to pass this bill. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose returning this bill. I feel that we've discussed it many hours. If I remember correctly we discussed it and debated it on General File, then on Select File and now we want to return it on Final Reading. I think we ought to defeat this motion and go ahead and read the bill. I'll yield the rest of my time to Senator Baack.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Baack, please.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I just want to talk about a couple of the things that Senator Wesely mentioned in his opening. He talked about the Medical Center and how there were some costs saved in that project and that is absolutely true. There were some costs saved in that project.