

Under the bill that we are passing, that particular project would still be reviewed. We are not wiping out that review process. I think that is the mistaken notion that we're putting across here, that we're wiping out certificate of need. We are simply adjusting the thresholds of certificate of need to what I consider to be a much more reasonable level. I think we have compromised in this bill. We've come down quite a bit from where we first started with this bill and I think the votes were there to pass it at that level, but I didn't think some of those figures were reasonable. I thought we needed to come down on some of those and so we did come down on some of those. Most of the projects that will take place in the State of Nebraska, a good number of them will still come under the certificate of need process. We're not totally wiping that out. He also made a statement that we have skyrocketing health costs which I absolutely agree with. Well one of the things that you have to consider in that is I think the figures that I have seen, only 39 percent of those costs deal with hospitals. There is 61 percent of the other costs that is skyrocketing also. I would expect if we're going to do something in that way to try and stop these skyrocketing costs, we're going to have to bring in some things that stop the cost of the doctors going up. We're going to have to do some of those kind of things also if we're going to totally put the brakes on health care costs as they rise up. So I think the certificate of need process under LB 429 is a good bill. I think we've worked out some good things. I think it is very reasonable legislation. I think it is much more realistic in the nineties, going into the nineties, we're going to have a much more realistic certificate of need process that more adequately reflects what the costs are in health care in the State of Nebraska. So with that, I would urge the defeat of this amendment and then we can go ahead and read the bill and pass the bill tonight. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I'll call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate close? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate does cease. Senator Wesely, would you