

dealing with their costs, but I really believe that LB 187 was an important piece of legislation. I will support the bracket motion but with the understanding and the hope that we can come back next session and deal with what I think is the...really the central core problem of health care and that's dealing with those individuals in our society who are unable to have insurance, who are unable to get the kind of health care that they need for themselves and their children. I just...I feel that this is unfortunate, but I certainly will go along with the introducer's motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. President and members. Since I have the other motion on this bill up there, which was a motion to strike the enacting clause, obviously I will agree with Senator Lynch's motion to bracket this until next year. I think that would be wise for the body. As you are all aware, I've expressed my concerns in the past about the price tag of this bill and the uncertainty of where, exactly it leads to. Maybe possibly with this bracket motion we can, between now and the summer, now and next year at least, come up with a program that maybe will appease some of the concerns that the counties have on this particular issue without the uncontrollable costs that I think this bill may, in turn, lead us to. And so, obviously, I am a big fan of Senator Lynch's bracket motion and, for those senators that are concerned about who may be left out if you bracket this bill, obviously Senator Ashford and Senator Lynch have both alluded to in LB 525 there is matching funds, there's some money that's leveraging matching funds that actually gives about the same dollar amount for the health care industry. And also in that measure is funding for the counties because obviously a portion of the \$12 million price tag on LB 187, \$4 million would have, roughly, went to the counties and the county, there's state aid to counties included in LB 525 as well. And so those concerned about...those who were originally contacting you in support of LB 187, that is what you can tell them. It is my hope that maybe between now and next year we can devise some sort of plan. I know there's 46 states that now pay for indigent care. Maybe there's some better ways we can do this while controlling cost and particularly solving some of the counties' problem on those when they suffer large, unanticipated costs that really throw their budget out of whack. And so I am supporting Senator Lynch's bracket motion and hope to work with Senator Lynch and others over the interim to develop a more