

governments. Well, after that debate, as you'll remember in things I passed out before, I had the opportunity to look into just how much of the counties' budget for indigent care. As you remember, you know, the most recent year my data is a little dated, I'll admit that, but in '87 at least, you know, there was only about \$4 million budgeted statewide among 93 counties for indigent care. So you've got a \$12 million bill originally of which only \$4 million, you know, arguably, was going to go towards local governments. And so is it a property tax relief bill? No. I think we've gone far away from that argument now and I compliment the sponsors of the bill and those behind the glass for getting away from that argument of this bill and getting to what the bill is all about and they make a good argument that 46 states do this, but certainly don't talk about property taxes when you talk about this bill even though, yes, it would have some impact to the tune of five, \$6 million possibly, but it certainly is not going to be a panacea that anyone is ever going to write you and thank you for lowering their property taxes by voting for LB 187. Now, the second thing about LB 187 that when you look into it you'll see that in recent data that we have, you know, it's a data...it's a problem on this particular area but in the recent data that we have that, you know, back in '87 at least, not being able to find any additional information to that, but of the money spent on indigent care in this state, you know, well over 70 percent was spent in Douglas County. Why? Because they obviously have a different type of population when it comes to indigent care and that's where most of the services go on, so I'm not going to say, you know, I'm not going to critique all the money spent in Douglas County, but I think you need to know that's where this particular money was spent, that's where the bulk of LB 187 will go. You know, one, yes, it will help Douglas County but probably much more so help the Douglas County hospitals, you know, not the Douglas County Hospital, but all the Douglas County hospitals. You know, and that's why, you know, the various hospitals from...you know, that hire those, you know, they don't exactly have hayseed lobbyists back there, they have some of the best in the business back there which is fine, but this just goes to show we're talking big money for big money hospitals under this bill. And if you look at the sheet I passed out just to give you a...you know...and maybe someone else can explain this better than I can, I think it's important to look at what are we talking about as far as what type of money these hospitals have. You know, for one they are hiring some pretty good blue pin-striped suited lobbyists back there to