

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, Madam. Just right quick. I'll make this very, very brief. I know that we can all find some situation that is very, very rare. I think as originally mentioned the premature baby, or so on and so forth, health costs. I will tell you that there are some of these companies that are now funding insurance, and some very large companies, that you can also wake up and find yourself maybe half insured, or half to cover the full amount of the bill. So it's not necessarily this particular plan. And when we're seeing savings of again 50 percent on the coverage, and we're putting lids on these subdivisions and so on, this is a way. It may, and I'm aware of Commonwealth, I'm aware of insurance companies, and so on. But I think that we have to weigh the pros and cons. There are enough...enough protection built in here. I'm using the experience of the community college, they went two years, they increased their amount of self-funding, and they...the pro...it was developed from there. There has been no problem. A little girl at home had severe rheumatoid arthritis, very fortunate, she happened to be a teacher of community college. I will guarantee you if she had not accidentally been there, she passed away at age 38, and my daughter's age, a neighbor girl, and I would say that...I'm strictly guessing, but from April until she passed away in September she was in intensive care and so on so many times, 500,000 would not have covered her. And they were so pleased with community college's coverage. So I can't...I can't say anything more, and the bill is very much needed. With that, I move for the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I'll call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay. There's no one else seeking to debate if Senator Landis would like to close.

SENATOR LANDIS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, this Legislature is probably the most expert Legislature in the country on this subject at this point, the reason being all other Legislatures just let their cities do whatever they want to do. And we are the only ones to wrestle with this. And actually I'm kind of proud of that. I'm glad I'm in this state and not another state, that we are putting these kinds of limitations on our cities, and that they are being responsible in return by offering to do these kinds of things, to ensure