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absolutely mandatory that the Legislature's Health Committee examine where we are going in this area. One of my favorite people in this town, a doctor who worked with me on the medical malpractice, said that by the year 2020 if the present system continues to eat up the gross national product, it will all be gone for health care. Well, I don't know what that does for the rest of the necessities of life, but the facts are we just have got to do something. We cannot, we absolutely cannot continue in the manner which we are proceeding. I said back in the 1970s when we enacted the medical malpractice bill and Senator Chambers was here and others, I think he is the only one who is here today who opposed the bill. I said we were doing it to hold down the cost of...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...health care. We did not succeed, ladies and gentlemen. Health care costs continue to escalate and continue to drive more and more people from adequate health care. I hope that you will support the amendment. I would be glad to discuss the issue with anyone.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Byars, you're up next.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not going to speak to this bill, it's my understanding, Senator Hall, this amendment, it's my understanding Senator Hall is going to withdraw it. You're going to run it? Okay, I have a priority motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Byars would move to bracket LB 1019.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, Mr. Speaker. This bracket motion isn't necessarily aimed at amendment 4140 that's introduced by Senator Hall. This bracket motion is a sense of frustration on my part with what just took place on the amendment that had been offered by Senator Wesely. We have debated for hours and days and months on issues that may not have been important to many