

if we don't have something coming down to help us on the Medicaid side. There are 21 people that did it, 11 or so people did not vote which meant they were thinking pretty darn serious about it. They were very serious about this amendment. That if they don't believe the Nebraska Legislature, if the health care areas and the providers do not believe that this Nebraska Legislature is concerned to the point that certain things that they may not like will be coming down, they'd better think twice. These things can and in all probability will happen if there is not some movement between now and the beginning of the next session. I, personally, and I don't think this body will sit by idly and watch the type of devastation that will occur to the Nebraska's budget and to the programs that the people of Nebraska want, we are not going to allow that devastation to occur. There has to be some movement. I believe very seriously that that amendment would be adopted, but I think the message has been sent and it should be sent to every hospital administrator, every other provider out there that may have some other particular agenda for their own particular hospital or provider, and I yield the rest of the time to Senator Hall. And at the end of that time, Senator Hall, if you...I would then, at the end of Senator Hall's comments, I would then withdraw that motion, if that is proper to do at that point. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall, you have about two minutes.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, I apologize to the body. I don't want to waste any time but you have got to know how frustrated I am with this. I represent the third poorest district in the state. I can't keep a clinic in my district to help the poor unwed mothers, the poor families who need their services. It used to be in the SONA (phonetic) Building, which is right on the border of Senator Labedz's and my district. Then they moved it to the Southroads because they said they would get more people there and they would be able to serve more people. Then they moved it out into Papillion, and I don't...it is nothing against Senator Withem and his district, but it happens to be only about 15 miles away from where the people that they intended to serve in terms of the low-income clinic happen to be. They are not moving or placing these facilities where the people are, and where the need is. They are placing them where the money is. Those people out there need services as well. The difference is they have the capability and the means to get to the services. The people who don't are being forced out. They are not being offered the