

forward a hundred miles an hour. They will say we have to worry about nothing from the Legislature, because when the issue was presented squarely to them, they came down on our side. They came down on the side of unlimited building. No matter how much it cost, no matter how unnecessary for the delivery of health care services, and even though they know that we are doing a lot of this by way of advertising or public relations, they still approve of it. So let us run ahead full speed, and whoever has the deepest pockets, the most assets to get a building program started, will take a head start. Then we will gouge, and we have got to come to us for health care because we are the only ones who have got it. The state has given us a monopoly because you have to have a license and approval from the state to do certain of these things, and we are the only ones who are going to be in a position to do that, and the Legislature likes the way we are doing business. I haven't said anything on the merits or demerits of LB 1019. I don't fully understand the impact of all of those bills that have been incorporated into 1019 by way of amendment. I cannot vote for a bill about which I understand so little. I know it is going to advance anyway, so my no vote is cast...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...because I see this bill as symbolizing the approval by the Legislature of the overbuilding, the unnecessary building, the escalation of health care costs for no purpose in terms of providing necessary services. And because that is what that bill means to me, I say, like they say in the horror movies that I used to see as a child, the monster must die, but I don't have the stake to kill the Dracula altogether, so I will take my little toothpick and maybe stick it under a fingernail and cause a bit of minor discomfort.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Ladies and gentlemen and members, continuing along the line of discussion that has just been embarked upon by Senator Chambers, once again as I look over the list of names of persons who voted negative on the amendment sponsored by Senator Hall, I am concerned that people tell me, well, I don't think that is the answer. Well, ladies and gentlemen, after 24 years here, what is the answer? After 15 or 16 years, after we gave the hospitals and the medical profession the best possible medical malpractice bill to hold down the cost of their medical