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SENATOR CHAMBERS: For lack of an answer is an answer, Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: No, Senator, I am going back to how you phrased your question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That is all right.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: If you said this is one possibility, then, yeah, you have got to look at it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I am running out of time, but here is the point that I am making, members of the Legislature, Senator Lindsay nor anybody else who supports this bill can show any great value that will come from this merger. Nobody who studied it can show any savings that will result. Nobody could show any cuts. Senator Lindsay is unable to show any harm that will come if we don't do it now. So why just do something so that we can say we did something. Now he cannot show harm that will result if we don't do it, but we all can consider the possibility of harm if we do it. I hope you will adopt this amendment because it is very reasonable.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Crosby, you are next.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I have listened to both Senator Lindsay and Senator Chambers again and had made my mind up ahead of time that I would vote against this bill. And I still am going to vote against it. One of the big reasons, and Senator Chambers has said it more than once, is that I think we are trying to do too many things in seven working days. We have been at this two weeks, and I think today to a certain extent we have lost sight of the trigger that brought us to where we are today and why this special session supposedly was called. It is Medicaid. It is the fact that the federal government has lowered the match rate to the State of Nebraska for the Medicaid. So the State of Nebraska is caught in the middle of trying to fund the programs that are under Medicaid and keep the people served who are receiving Medicaid. And I think that we have to be really careful when we decide that in...now I am not sure that Senator Chambers would agree with me on this because he professes not to believe in a higher