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In my opinion, this is one thing that, in my opinion, is something we have the ability to cut, we ought to cut too along with other things to address our Medicaid problem. I would oppose the reconsideration motion. At this point in time, I would oppose Senator Chambers' amendment and I certainly encourage the body to keep going forward and see if there is the votes to pass this bill as is.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Ashford, you are next.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, Senator Moore, I cosponsored that bill with you last year and I thought it was good public policy last year, and I think it is good public policy now. And I really don't think that...you are right, that the problem has...the task that we have at hand has become enlarged and the amount of money that we need to cut out of the budget is greater today than it was, by a long shot, when we proposed this bill last year, along with the wards of the court bill. Neither of them got very far last year. Actually, one of them got farther than the other one, I guess, but the point I guess I am making is it appears as if we have two competing interests; Senator Lindsay, who has introduced the bill, are saying that apparently philosophically that he cannot accept any changes in the bill, Senator Chambers is saying that philosophically that he cannot accept this bill or he will vote against the cut no matter what. And then we have got Senator Moore, who I think is starting to talk about the issue a little bit, and that is the financial issue in Medicaid cuts, and that is exactly the issue. The issue is not what impact this cut will have on our overall budget. It, obviously, will have an impact of either two million or three million dollars, depending upon whether we accept the amendment or not. The real issue is how are we going to address the Medicaid, the Medicaid program, and how we are going to change it in such a way as to lower the cost of medical services, take a hard look at optional services, the 23 optional services that are available to residents of the State of Nebraska. That is the big problem, and in this legislative session, we aren't doing anything really with those pieces at this point. The difference between the Chambers amendment and the Lindsay bill is not that great. It is not that great. We are really...quite frankly, Senator Moore is saying let's just wait it out, let's fight it out, eventually we will get a vote on this. That may not occur. And I would suggest to you that though that may be the valiant trench warfare way of doing this,