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were focusing on too small a part of the puzzle, and a part of the puzzle that in fact had some cost savings in fact because the providers involved were lower cost than some of the alternative providers. So what we were thinking and what the Medicaid task force is thinking is we need a broader approach, a managed care plan and a control on cost and utilization that cuts across the board on Medicaid. And we will be bringing to you a resolution to call for this plan to be developed by the department and we'll talk about that at the appropriate time. But it is not that we have not been sitting on our hands. We've got the report ready, we've got some ideas ready, we're moving forward. It's simply the fact that this issue is huge, it's an enormous problem; and to be ready by this special session, the Governor felt we couldn't be ready and we felt we couldn't be ready either. But we'll be ready by next January and we will focus on and have some major legislation addressing the Medicaid issue. But I appreciate Senator Beutler's concern, I appreciate all of your concern; and we will have a chance I hope in the next couple of days to have some time to talk more about Medicaid, why we're having the problem, what some of the things are that could be done to deal with it. But at this time this amendment I think needs to be adopted and I'd urge your support for it. Senator Schellpeper, do you need any more of my time? Stan, do you need any more of my time or are we done?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: No, I just would like to move the amendment, please. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. You've heard the closing. We are now voting on the advancement of the Schellpeper amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Mr. Clerk, record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CONWAY: The amendment is adopted to LB 1. Mr. Clerk, back to LB 1. Any additional on the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move to amend. (Haberman amendment appears on page 137 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, we spent many, many hours debating LB 20 which hurt children,