

that has a lot of bearing on what we might do, and I will go back to the original, the thing that triggered our budget cutting, and all the...aside from court decisions saying the things that we aren't doing are constitutionally correct, aside from that, we have another fiscal problem that we discussed again in Appropriations today, the big overriding problem is the Medicaid problem, and that's hurting our budget but that affects a lot of people. For us to come along and do what Senator Hefner suggested today to correct LB 829 doesn't seem quite consistent because for me it's two different entities. I am not saying two different sets of people, because no matter what we do it affects everyone, and that's the other thing we have to be honest with our constituency about. This, whatever we do here, affects everyone. It may affect some people in a larger way than others, but don't ever tell anyone that we are just affecting a certain group of people here, because taxes are paid by people, not by businesses, not by people who wonder in from Mexico or something. They are paid by people, citizens of the United States and of our state. The other thing, when I cannot drag out \$20,000 for a little educational money for AIDS, to study AIDS in Lancaster County, and when I can't keep my finger in the dike and stave off the cut on AFDC, when we can't pull out a little money for the Lancaster Crisis Center, which is suffering because of the people who have mental illness, then this kind of thing that we are doing today in a way recedes in my mind because we are not able to help the people who cannot help themselves. And when we come back in January, that is the big problem we are going to face on the budget. So I think we have to keep in mind today why we are here,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...and if you don't like the bill, fine. I don't like it either. I think it is a magic act, and whether or not it will work is another question. We may be back several times next year again trying to correct it. In the meantime, I will vote against this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Haberman. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members. I rise in opposition to Senator Coordsen's amendment. The price tag on the amendment is \$50 million, a little more than half of the \$94 million in LB 1. Again, the surcharge does address 1992, in