

for your wishes and for your wants and you're making us change our priorities for our wishes and our wants to a degree that it's very difficult now for our families to be able to even afford health insurance and not because we don't want to help people, but because government has intruded in the market of health insurance for years. You've changed tax codes for the people to be able to...the employees, you're talking about the NSCA and the state employees and the excellent insurance that they have, and they do, and that's because it's provided by their employer. If you put that into something that they'd have to use for after tax income or whatever, it would change that market. So those are decisions that have been made for years past by the government that you've intruded into the health care market, that you have manipulated the market to where it is now and now you're calling for more government intrusion into the health care market. Overwhelmingly, the public said stop it, stay out of it, let us make these decisions ourselves. The liberals on this floor, you might as well be in a socialist country the way I hear you talk. You want to give to people who can't afford it on everything. Well, we'd like to have somebody come in maybe and afford our health insurance or our child care but we go and we help each other with child care...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...by watching each other's children and we handle our health insurance by handling things at home. We don't run to an emergency room every time our child is sick. We deal with a lot of those things in our home. So you think that you're helping people by saying that you want more government intrusion and more government support for these programs for these poor people that you're trying to be out there and helping, what about the people who are on the edge who are trying to be able to afford these things, who are making the tough decisions in their family to be able to afford them? Who is going to represent them? As all you individuals say on this floor, you're trying to help these people, well, look at the people you're taking from when you're talking about giving it to somebody and that's all I've got to say. Start looking at the people you're taking it from because we are on the edge and we're tired of it, we've had enough and, hopefully, we'll keep voting these people who want socialized medicine out of these positions. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Bohlke.