

it, it certainly does not and someone would have to point out to me how this obligates us to any spending of money and, as has been stated before, it says it is the intent of the Legislature and that health insurance should be available to all citizens of Nebraska. And then it goes on to say that the Governor should develop a way and a plan to come up with how we may accomplish that. I do not see any obligation to money there and if I did, I would be opposed. I do not see that and, therefore, I will continue to oppose the Witek amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK PRESIDING

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, let me say quickly that I understand what Senator Bromm is saying, to some extent, but I think that truly the next step in this development is to work out a solution to the health care problem for children and I believe that that solution is so large in scale that it's incumbent both upon the Legislature and the Governor to approach it seriously. And I think, by putting this provision in the bill, we're saying to the Governor as we are saying to ourselves through the Banking Committee's interim study resolution that this is something we want to coordinate, we want to work together on and we want to do some definite work on. I know that oftentimes it seems preposterous to get into world scale things in some of our little debates here in this small pond of Nebraska, but the question of socialism and communism and these kinds of words have been thrown up this morning and let me tell you, in my opinion, the way I read history, the reason that such a stupid system as communism came to dominate better than half the world is because democratic democracy in western Europe and in other places failed to take care of significant elements of the population who were victims of the economic system. If you want socialism and communism again or the same thing under a different name, then you will get it if the western democracies and those of us who dominate the world now fail to take care of our people. It was because of stories like Charles Dickens and what was happening in the late nineteenth century in an industrial England and in an industrial United States and in Russia and in many other places, that's why we had communism and socialism, because of our own neglect. And now we're on top of the world. Now we can say we don't have to pay any attention to anybody because we dominate the world. But if the result of that domination is the return