

that correct?

SENATOR HALL: Madam President and members Senator Vrtiska, their own actions, their own inaction, or the termination of the benefit period.

SENATOR VRTISKA: But if they are terminated, it has to be for...for what purpose?

SENATOR HALL: Well, the benefit period has run the length of the two-year time frame, for example.

SENATOR VRTISKA: So it has nothing to do with their actions? In other words,...

SENATOR HALL: No.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...it is just...

SENATOR HALL: Correct.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Based on what you said, then the counties, based on the section of law that I just read to you, would have the obligation at least to pick up their medical and surgical expense because...

SENATOR HALL: Senator Vr...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Go ahead.

SENATOR HALL: Well, what you are referring to is the provision that is in the tax code.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Right.

SENATOR HALL: Chapter 77, it says that the...and what that relates to is it relates to the establishment, if I remember correctly, and I could be off a little bit, but it relates back to the establishment of the county hospitals that were established for purposes of the poor, as well as just making sure that the poor as Senator Wesely mentioned, were taken care of historically by counties. Now I don't think that that section of the tax code is necessarily inconsistent with this amendment. I think there will be individuals who will not fall under this act, as it is before us, that would still need to be