

think there could be some costs if we want to make sweeping arguments like that. We could say that there would be some very added costs if we move in that direction. What I am saying, yes, go ahead with the screening, but go ahead with the screening for those that we know are going to be Medicaid eligible going into the nursing homes, help them to decide if we would not save money by having some of those individuals go to their own homes. That is at issue. We could save money with that population. To go into the general population and say, you know, now we have to ask you these questions and we need your financial records, your financial records to determine if you are going to be Medicaid eligible in a year. All of you right here, think about some of the elderly people you know who are in the hospital ready to be dismissed, the decision now has to be made, or possibly discussing if they will have placement in a nursing home or if they can go home. And we have someone come in at that time and say to them, we need your financial records to decide if we place you in a nursing home, if in a year from now you'll be on Medicaid because you'll be so poor? I continue to tell you, we don't need a pilot project to tell you that's a bad idea and you're going to hear from people in the pilot projects and certainly if we go beyond that. Right now we have something before us that we recognize, I think, is in error. It's the wrong way to go and is something we have the ability to correct right now and then we can go ahead with the screening process, but certainly stop what I think is a real intrusion by government into the private lives of people. Therefore, I oppose the Wesely, this is the reason I bring my amendment, I support my amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, I rise and also am in support of the Bohlke amendment. My sense is that these are pilot projects. I'd rather start off on the right foot as Senator Bohlke has indicated. And if for some reason the pilot projects show that this isn't the proper way to do it, they can come back with suggestions on how we could improve it. I'd rather do the pilot programs starting with the Bohlke amendment. It makes more sense. It's more compassionate I think towards people as far as what their needs are. Senator Wesely, I was wondering if you'd respond. You mentioned there are two pilot projects, one an urban one and one a rural one, and the urban one apparently I assume is Hastings or was it Lincoln, and which