

statement where it says within one year of the application. Does that mean it definitely has to be one year prior? It couldn't be...could you explain that?

SENATOR WESELY: Well what that says is when you want to go into a nursing home, what they're talking about is within one year of the application to be, when you're applying to go into a nursing home that you would become Medicaid eligible within one year after that, so it's not a year before you apply. It's after you apply and you want to go into a nursing home that your assets would be spent down and you'd be Medicaid eligible within a year. That's what that is intending.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR WESELY: Uh-huh.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, Senator Bohlke, is Senator Bohlke here? I have a question, please.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Will you, and I know you've probably done it before, but the different populations that your bill, people you would be looking at compared to those that Senator Wesely would be looking at, just briefly, would you go through that for me.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes. If someone is getting ready to be dismissed from the hospital they will do, and they know that a nursing care facility could be a possibility, a placement, whether they will go home or to a nursing facility. Senator Wesely would screen everyone at that point and would determine if in a year's time they would be Medicaid eligible. What I would do is say that we screen those people at that time that we know are Medicaid eligible to save the money to decide if they could go to a nursing home or with those services in the community if they could go to their own home rather than a nursing home. So the both of them are looking at a cost savings. The thing that I point out is that Senator Wesely would interview all population. I'm saying we would only enter those that we know when they come into the hospital they tell