

committee amendments now represent. I'd ask for their adoption.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Landis. Members, I would like your attention one moment if we could, please. I'm going to depart from the agenda for just a minute. It was almost exactly one week ago today that the bombing in Oklahoma City took place. I heard on the news this morning that the Governor of Oklahoma is asking all citizens of Oklahoma to recognize a moment of silence at this time. There's very little I know that we can do directly for the survivors and, obviously, for the victims, but I think it might be a nice gesture on our part if we were all to rise and recognize that moment of silence for the survivors and think about the victims.

(Moment of silence.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you all very much. We'll return to our matters before the Legislature at this point. Senator Wesely, for discussion.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I did not vote to advance the bill I also did not vote to oppose the bill because I want to commend Senator Landis for trying to bring the sides together on this issue. It's not a small matter of how we might proceed with the question of Preferred Provider Organizations and their relationship with providers. I think this will be an ongoing point of contention as we change to managed care in our health care system. I guess I'm going to ask Senator Landis in a second to identify for me the language that...I was looking at the committee amendments and I know one of the key concerns that I had was making sure that PPOs still have the opportunity for those who are high cost providers to not contract with them or should they become costly as a member of their PPO to eliminate their participation, I'm going to ask him for the direct reference on where that is if he can prepare for that. In the meantime, the one thing I want to note for you is, as you look at this bill, there is something in...there's essentially nothing in here for the consumer that I can see right off the top of my head. We're so concerned about the provider and the insurers and those that are the third party or the powerful in the health care system but in the end what do we do for the actual patient out there, what do we do for the actual consumer out there to protect their interest? I think that we ought to be spending more time on that aspect. As we move into managed care, we're going to find more and more