

bill is adopted, because it's obvious that they do have the votes to vote for cloture and to go ahead and push this bill forward. And it has been pushed forward for a lot of reasons, none of them, I don't think, involve some actual concepts that I would be in favor of that are in the Jensen amendment, and that is the privatization aspect of cost savings and what direction we're going in. Since we don't really have any other concept to go on, other than the language that's in the green copy of 1044, which if you look at the intent language, the very first intent language that this amendment will strike, if you read through that intent language it advocates again, as Senator Wesely on a number of occasions has tried to do, it advocates universal health care. And I am not an advocate of universal health care, nor do I think the majority of people in America are, or people in Nebraska are advocates of universal health care. I don't think they want the government controlling all of these decisions for them, although this intent language sounds like that's exactly what we intend to do with these concepts that we put forth in 1044. I know it just involves at this time the areas that the government is involved in. But when you structure those areas to such a point that the private sector is so disrupted by what you're doing in the government sector, and I know on a number of occasions I've discussed these issues of market forces, that you will be essentially adopting, when you adopt 1044. When you put that change in market forces on the health care industry here in the state of Nebraska, I think that's a policy decision that you make in a direction of universal health care. And that's, it appears to me, reading through this bill, that that's the concept that they advocate. And individuals who are working for this bill have advocated that on a number of occasions, both publicly, out in the public and on the floor here of the Legislature. And a number of those individuals are involved in this bill. So it leads me to believe that that's the direction that this will take. I will be much more comfortable, although I won't be voting for 1044, if the Jensen amendment is adopted and we at least say that some of these other concepts, the privatization concept, some actual cost savings, those types of things are adopted when you're going ahead and advocating this structural change. Again, I think it's areas that I, personally, would like to see these huge bureaucracies going into. We're looking at the downsizing of a lot of our companies here in Nebraska, AT&T, Mutual of Omaha. They realize when you restructure that there needs to be some point where you either have individuals in the personnel