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SENATOR ABOUD: Senator Wesely, I've been through the fiscal note that was provided for LB 1044 and my question is in line with your amendment, but more importantly going back to the original fiscal note and the A bill that applies to this bill, in reviewing it it appears that there is no money, no additional money that it would cost the state of Nebraska. At the same time there's no savings that would occur as a result of this particular fiscal note. So, in essence, it's a revenue neutral bill, is that...

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...is that accurate?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, that's correct.

SENATOR ABOUD: So even though we're making major changes in the restructuring of how we administer our health care services, social services to the citizens of the state of Nebraska, there's absolutely no fiscal impact on this bill? Either a loss or a gain?

SENATOR WESELY: That's because, as I've been trying to explain, Senator Abboud, we're taking the current programs and services and bringing them together. The next step is where we actually get the savings and the elements involved there. We'll go through the Legislature next session.

SENATOR ABOUD: So, you want me to quote you on that, Senator Schellpeper? (Laughs)

SENATOR WESELY: Is Senator Schellpeper saying something that I...

SENATOR ABOUD: You wouldn't be happy to hear what he had to say about (inaudible). And I'm not going to repeat it for the record, so... One other issue that comes to bear on this bill now, since this bill is revenue neutral, this particular bill will not have to be held through the budgetary process. We can pass this piece of legislation ahead of all the other budgetary bills because it has, it's revenue neutral, is that correct?

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah.