

CON review and I think are valuable reviews to protect the public interest. All this is being done, in my view, to recognize changes, some are inevitable, some may not be, some are good, some may not be, but allowing the Attorney General and the Health Department a chance to look this over and make a determination I think will be a check on change to make sure the public interest is not harmed and so I rise in support of the bill and in support of the amendment as a reasonable compromise.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, members. Without trying to repeat what Senators Wesely and Matzke have said, I'll try to avoid repeating I should say, I would indicate that Senator Brashear and I in working with Senator Bradz... Senator Matzke, Senator Bradtzke? When we worked together with Senator Matzke, we are...some of the concerns, the primary area of concern was in the area of criteria which the Attorney General must use to...in reviewing the process and I think those criteria have been tightened up quite a bit. I think it is something that the things that the Attorney General will look into, I think do serve a legitimate public interest, and that being, I think, Senator Matzke has indicated that one of his primary concerns in this is that when you have a sale of a nonprofit hospital you have a trust corpus basically, or a body of dollars that should be used for the public interest in making sure that there are no shenanigans being played with those dollars is, I think, one of the primary thrusts. This amendment, and I think that is a very legitimate goal which I concur wholeheartedly with and I think this amendment preserves that. I think it is important when you have a nonprofit hospital that is being sold that the assets continue to be used for purposes consistent with the purposes of the hospital are consistent with the public health of the community. Those kinds of things that are set forth more in the amendment, I think, are extremely important. The other, and there were quite a few changes as Senator Matzke has mentioned, but I think they are amendments which provide, I guess basically put everything in the light of day. If everything is disclosed, it is all out there for public scrutiny. If it is out there for public scrutiny, I think it