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piecemeal fashion against the unification of services that we achieved...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...when we unified Health and Human Services agencies. And I will...I don't want to always seem like the harbinger of ill, but there are surely other discrete groups that receive services within Health and Human Services that will come to us and say, we can serve ourselves better, and we will have to respond to them as well. Despite the assurances in the memo, Senator Crosby, I'm really not going to be able to support the bill. I think, despite the assurances, that it will indeed cost us money. I'm not persuaded by the notion that it somehow will improve services for these folks, and I am unpersuaded that creating a new agency is something that's appropriate at this particular time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Further debate? Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. It is...Senator Wickersham, I understand what you're saying, but I think you...I think your apprehension is misdirected. I want to point out again two or three things that I said on General File. The services to the blind are a rehabilitation service. And services to the blind and assistance to the blind came into being with the federal government in 1935. Rehabilitation is not medical, and that is the difference. And the federal government has allowed, and there are many states that have a separate agency for the blind people, they have allowed...this is the only group that the federal government allowed to do that. This is the only group that the federal government allowed to do that, because it's rehabilitation, not medical. So, from that point of view, the other thing I want to...see, the amendments that have been added are technology, they're all about technology. We are in the twenty-first century. Services to the blind and assistance to the blind has gone a lot further than a Braille indication in an elevator; we're way beyond that, my friends. They are able to do so many things now because of technology, and have been all along, and they have kept themselves up with the technology. So, from that point of view,