any work that is beneficial, but a new program is being
instituted here. Senator Byars says he doesn't think
any...before I get to that, let me deal with what Senator
Aguilar said. He mentioned some of this work being done in
Grand Island and extrapolated from that to conclude that it's
being done all over the state, and I'd venture to say that what
is happening in Grand Island is not being replicated all over
the state. And sometimes senators have a tendency to make too
broad an application of an anecdotal situation that they're
familiar with, and I'm not prepared to do that when we're
changing the statute. When we put something in the statute,
it's written in stone, in a manner of speaking, until we change
it. But great...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY PRESIDING

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...harm can be done before we reach that
point. Senator Beutler, I meant Senator Byars said he believes
in his heart in the goodness of these dentists and their work
and so forth. Well, he has the advantage over me. He has that
which I do not have. I do not have a heart. It reminds me of a
statement made by a man in a movie called Runaway Train. It was
put on the screen after it was over: No beast is so savage but
that it feels some compassion. I feel no compassion; therefore,
I am not a beast. People need to think about that and see what
it's saying. But anyway, my time is probably up. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator
Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the
Legislature, I come from an area of the state that really does
have underserved people. Now, part of the reason why we have
underserved people is because of the Medicaid reimbursement
program. It is simply inadequate to cover the costs of the
operation of the dentists in the area. They could be inundated
for half of their practice, treating cases where they can't even
cover their costs of operation. So, I think this is a very good
program that is being proposed, and I think...I think in two