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bigger problem is on the side of our older citizens absorbing a great percentage of the expenditures. Medicaid pays for personal care and other supportive services necessary to enable individuals with disabilities to remain in the community, to work, and to maintain independence. Those are the things that I think should also be part of the findings, to give us a simply more balanced view of what's out there today. And it's no big deal to me whether we adopt these or not. As I indicated, they don't change the substance of anything. But I think what it does do is give notice to whoever is studying this that we're dealing with something that is very important and very critical to a great many people, and we should handle it with great focus and great care. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK PRESIDING

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Preister, your light is next.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, honorable President, friends all. I stand in support of what Senator Beutler is working at doing. His language doesn't substantively change or add to the intent of the bill or the committee amendment. But it adds some clarity and gives some focus. And I think that's essentially what we need to do. The concept of looking into what we do to keep the program solvent is not a bad idea. I signed onto the bill, and my name is still on the bill. But how we approach it, what we do with it, is the important component. When Senator Erdman began his opening, part of what he said was that we have many employers in the state of Nebraska who are not providing health insurance, and therefore the state, somewhat by default, although that wasn't his word, is ending up picking up the cost of medical health insurance. From what I understand from the Department of Health, only 43 percent of the Nebraska employers actually provide health insurance. So when we have less than half of the employers providing that health insurance, where do these low-income people go to get their health insurance? They can't do it with low wages in low-paying jobs. So it becomes a real challenge for them. Those are the people that I think need to be a part of this discussion. And they need to be considered, which is essentially what Senator Beutler is