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always be a base of population that requires, if you will, a safety net of Medicaid. And who would we eliminate? Would we eliminate the foster children? Would we eliminate those who are in prisons? Would we eliminate the old? It looks to me like the face of the poor is changing. Senator Jensen touched on this. In the last few years, I've seen more children come into foster care whose parents weren't in the impoverished area of our society, but whose insurance programs no longer covered their children's needs. When they maxed out on those programs, they would go to the County Attorney and ask that that child be made a state ward. So it's not a simple matter. It's not a simple concern. I say we need to go down this road with caution. We need to really look at what it is we want to learn from this, and what we intend to do with the information that we gather. I respect Senator Byars. He has stood up. He has expressed concern. And I'm going to ask that the remainder of my time be granted to Senator Byars to continue. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Howard, for yielding to me. I was told about Senator Erdman's amendment right before the start of the debate. Senator Erdman had not shared this with me. Certainly, I feel it is an appropriate amendment, if we get to that point. I'm concerned that there...the committee is one, if I'm reading it right, that meets with the two designees of the Governor and of the Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee. I don't see where they have any type of powers other than sitting and listening. I suppose they could share. But it...again, it's positive, it's positive to have more people involved. I think one of the things that we've wrestled with as a committee, and Senator Erdman brought up the point a number of times, is that we've had Medicaid reform committees in the past, and nothing has resulted relative to those committees being formed. And I think probably, as you bring together all of the individuals that have some connection with Medicaid, whether it be the bureaucracy, whether it be the providers, whether it be the consumers, whoever is involved, I think probably many times there haven't