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this. There is nothing that I have seen that would speak to the contrary in statute or in proposed legislation. That's my goal and that is, hopefully, what you will see and that is, hopefully, that we can discuss. Is this the appropriate path? Senator Beutler and myself think this is a major step. This is better than what's in the original bill or what's in the committee amendments, and we would...I would encourage, and Senator Beutler can speak for himself if this is the level of discussion in accordance with our agreements or our understandings, but I think this is a responsible move for us to make to ensure that opportunity for citizens to be a part of this process. Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Erdman. (Visitors introduced.) We have Senators Janssen, Byars, and Jensen. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. Thank you, Senator Erdman, for bringing this bill to us to have this discussion. It's very, very important, you know, and I like to look back on what our health-care situation was, let's say, 60 years ago. As a young man at that time, I remember going to what we called the nursing homes at that...in that era. In the city of Fremont, there were two or three old homes, huge homes. That is where the care centers were at. There were probably about three or four beds in each room in those old homes. There were two nurses that actually run those old care centers, if you want to call them that, and they were people with hardly any family and no means of support, along with what we called the poor farm. Every county had what we called a poor farm. That's where people went to live who had no means of support or no medical insurance. As a matter of fact, I don't think there was such a thing as insurance for a care center insurance or something like that. And the average age, longevity, was about 60 years old at that time. When someone passed away and were about 60, they thought, well, you know, poor old Pete, he lived a good long life. What is it now? I'm not sure, but I know it isn't 60. Thank goodness for medical science. You know, about eight years ago I had a heart bypass and I probably wouldn't be here if we didn't have that, but there is an expense to that, along with all medical