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PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR   BYARS: ...provide personal care assistance for individuals to be able to stay in their own homes, that shifts then to county government in the case of the regions, where they have county government participating in paying part of the cost.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, since we have a short time, let me ask a question before my time runs out this time around.   Are you talking about costs currently borne by the counties which would no longer be allowed to be borne?

SENATOR BYARS: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And I will end my questioning at this point. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.   And, Senator Byars, I would like to push this just a bit further, because I'm in support of your amendment as I understand it, but with Senator Erdman's   questions, I want to be sure that my understanding is what you intend by your amendment.   I'm not necessarily suggesting, in fact I'm not suggesting at all, that you give a laundry list in an amendment or in the statute of what costs are not to be shifted, which ones are, and so forth. We're talking in broad terms here because we're talking about policy.   The part of the bill that you're amending relates to policy, and policies are stated in broad general terms.   But there should be an understanding of the direction that policy is going and that's the kind of question that I'm putting to you, so you won't have to go into a laundry list. What this bill is talking about   is finding a way to prevent, without doing it in an unjust, inequitable manner, unnecessary increases in the cost of Medicaid and the delivery of services. That's what the study is supposed to be directing its attention to.   Your amendment read in that context would mean that the increased costs of Medicaid that we've all been discussing are the costs or the types of costs you're talking about in your amendment.