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rates out within his budget. Again, I'm extremely sympathetic to those that provide these very valuable services to the population of our developmentally disabled. But we had some real tough choices in the Appropriations Committee. And I think that the methodology that we employed in separating these provider groups between historically what they have received in terms of provider rate increases made sense. And once we go into this opening up this provider rates and once we extract, if you will, one group out of the 2 percent group, you know, what is that going to do to the remainders within that 2 percent group? And for that matter, given the methodology undertaken by the Appropriations Committee, that would provide some philosophical basis, some reasoning for those provider groups that are receiving the 3 and 3, again, given the methodology undertaken by the Appropriations Committee. So it will be kind of a dangerous slope to go on here. If the AM1440 is adopted, there would be a good, sound, philosophical reasoning for reexamining the provider rates that are under the 3 percent grouping, as well those that would remain under the 2 percent grouping there would be some good, sound, philosophical reasons to take a second look at them. I would employ (sic) the body to adopt what the Appropriations Committee attempted to do. I think although it is a very simplistic approach, it embodies sound logic to what we did to attempt to rectify for those provider groups that have not received an increase since 2001 and to reconcile that with those that have received small increases subsequent to 2001, but have received yearly increases. I appreciate Senator Byars'...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: ...attempts. Again, I'm sympathetic to those that he's trying to do. It's a very tough decision. The Appropriations Committee had a very tough decision, but I think what we did represents some sound logic. And I would recommend that we do not go in this direction to opening up these can of worms with this provider rates because we can be in for a long debate relative to the appropriations work. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. (Visitors