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budget, that certainly we should have some kind of representation on that committee.

SENATOR SMITH: Even though most of that is in a nonprofit setting, be it government expenditures or a nonprofit hospital?

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, I'm not saying hospital at all. Whether it be a hospital, whether it be somebody from a nursing home, or a physician, or health professional.

SENATOR SMITH: Right. So if 36 percent of the state budget is spent on healthcare, how much of that 36 percent is spent in a for-profit scenario?

SENATOR JENSEN: I really can't tell you that figure.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, thank you. Mr. President, I guess I'll continue to speak to the amendment, and I question whether it's necessary, and I do point to the fact that I think it is somewhat of a turf issue and I don't want to bog the bill down with that. I realize there might be some other objectives in the motions at hand and so forth, but let's make it as clear and concise as possible. I realize that it's not an earth-shattering issue, but certainly I'm not opposed to gaining more information, objective information, and I think that that is what we need to work hard on the most, is gaining objective information. I had to smile, perhaps, and at the same time not smile, about some information that was handed out this morning on healthcare. And it showed...it gave some numbers that were deliberately misleading, in an attempt to paint a scenario worse than it truly is. Now, let's be objective. Let's not twist the data and establish numbers to try to make a situation worse than it is. We already have some bad situations; let's not make it worse. Let's be straightforward...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...and as objective as humanly possible. I know that we're all humans and we all have a bias. But let's step away from that, as far as we can. Because if we keep inflating numbers and embellishing scenarios, we lose credibility. And I