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which usually isn't the case on a bill that I dislike. And nobody can tell us where this bill is going. It's going nowhere. Even Senator Stuhr, who favors it, knows it's not going anywhere. I'd like to ask Senator Stuhr a question.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Stuhr, would you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Stuhr, how would the addition of the healthcare sector, if added to this bill, hurt anything?

SENATOR STUHR: Senator Chambers, I just don't see where it would add a great deal.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I asked how would it hurt anything?

SENATOR STUHR: I just don't think it would be representative of the...as what some of the other similar groups are representing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, we know they wouldn't; otherwise, their interests would be taken care of by those other groups. They are a group that currently would not be represented. If they're put on, they would be represented, and...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the purpose is not to represent what the other groups do, but that particular healthcare sector. What would be harmful to the thrust of this bill if the healthcare sector has a representative?

SENATOR STUHR: As I mentioned before, I don't see taxes involved in the healthcare area.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You don't?

SENATOR STUHR: No. Can...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is Medicare implicated in taxes, in the tax system? Are healthcare professionals reimbursed from Medicare? Do healthcare providers pay taxes? Would the taxes they can pay depend to some extent on the amount of reimbursement they get?