

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

May 25, 2005

LB 425

in. Members, all members check in, please. Senator Cunningham, Senator Engel, Senator Brashear, Senator Kruse, Senator Chambers, and Senator Bourne. Senator, as you know, your time is running, Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Yes, first of all I would ask for a roll call vote, and then I will...how many more have not...three have not reported?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Well, your time is running, if you...

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Okay.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: First of all, I just want to thank all the people that have engaged in the conversation here this afternoon, and I wanted to mention one other thing, that the federally qualified health centers are ranked among the very highest of all federal programs that exist. And why is this? It is because they work and they are among the most efficient healthcare providers in the nation. And we must remember that a lot of the services in these community health centers are provided by donation of workers. Doctors take their turn, dentists take their turn working in these health centers. So that is one thing that, you know, really concerns me, that we can really, you know, have an effect on our working poor, the ones that are uninsured. They need medical assistance. They're going to get medical assistance, but we want to give it to them in the health center. So I think this...this is very important to me and I would like to ask that you consider this very strongly, that this is something with just a little bit extra that we can really help a lot of people. Because if we don't and say no to the waiting list that gets longer and longer for these community health centers, just as Senator Schimek said, you know, a waiting list of a lot, of up to 1,000, we have the same thing in Columbus, you know, if we could just help a few more all the time, I think that's very important. So I would like to ask for your support in supporting me in this override. With that, thank you.