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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...a self-funded plan?

SENATOR MINES: As opposed to perhaps an ERISA or...

SENATOR BOURNE: Well, a self-funded plan is an ERISA plan. I guess that's...all I'm trying to say is that we have a Department of Insurance that's capable of doing this. And my question is solely, why are we giving the authority to HHS?

SENATOR MINES: It's the coordination of Medicaid benefits, is my guess, Senator. And the Department of Insurance isn't necessarily involved in the distribution of Medicaid benefits. Does that make sense?

SENATOR BOURNE: No.

SENATOR MINES: Okay.

SENATOR BOURNE: Actually I think what we may do is, I assume it's time to adjourn, maybe we'll look at this over the noonhour if you could perhaps visit with me about this. I'm just...

SENATOR MINES: Absolutely.

SENATOR BOURNE: I'm just simply concerned that we have a Department of Insurance that does things along this line anyway. Why are we asking an agency who's not familiar how this works to act as a regulator?

SENATOR MINES: It's a fair question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to make one thing clear to you with regard to these types of policies that are called limited benefit policies. Those, you will recall, are the types of policies where the insurance company generally pays a set amount to the