appointments, a variety of appointments that really do eat up a lot of miles.

SENATOR BYARS: Right. And the families would have the option of using Prince of the Road if they find that to be a better carrier and one that is more financially feasible.

SENATOR HOWARD: And I'm certainly not advocating for one...for any individual carrier. I'm raising the concern so that we have that addressed before we get to the end of the road here, literally.

SENATOR BYARS: There is absolutely no intention here to diminish any opportunity for services for any citizen of the state that is receiving services.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Howard.   Further discussion on AM2307. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I'm in total support of this measure. I listened to the bill in the hearing. And the thing that really impresses me is that we are moving to a direction that is going to benefit some of the people that are in the...that have disabilities. And there are a number of them in my community that have disabilities. And the problem that we had in our area is that the people that would transport these to social events or different functions and stuff like that realistically came down to staff members. And if a staff member could get them there, maybe they wouldn't be there to pick them up, and they'd have to wait a long time to be picked up. Family members are willing to do this. They think that's going to be...that is a very important part of their role in this. So I think this is the right direction to take, and it's going to be quite a cost savings, you know, to the HHS. The only concern I have is, you know, is it going to be, you know, accepted by contract agencies under HHS that are in develop...disability development services? Are they going to allow this to happen, because, you know, they're probably not going be taking that, or being able to bill