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care needed for activities of daily living that people are not able to provide for themselves that are essential for that person, that they cannot be alone and they are totally dependent for care. Medicare does not pay for custodial care, much to the chagrin of many people who have been led to believe over the years that, you know, Medicare is a safety net that's going to help me when I get in the nursing home. You know, it is not. Part A, as long as you have a skilled rehabilitative status, will cover you. But as long as you have no rehab potential, the A benefits are gone when you can no longer be predicted to make measurable progress in your condition. And that's when you become custodial. That said, I would encourage people to provide for themselves for long-term care. We don't know what the economy is going to do. We don't know what federal government regs are going to do to the Medicare program. I used to kid around and say, hey, you know, when I get on Medicare, the feds are probably only going to pay for the shot to put me to sleep. And the way they work it, it could be going that way. Who knows? But that said, I do support the bill. I support the amendment. And I do want to encourage all of us, if we have not, to look into getting long-term care insurance and being able to provide for the future. We should be self-sufficient, self-reliant. It is a personal responsibility to provide for ourselves. And as you know, I'm one that doesn't believe in a lot of government interference in your personal life and I believe in personal freedom, and this is one way to express it, is to make sure that you properly care for yourself. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Combs. Senator Burling.

SENATOR BURLING: Hello. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I, too, stand in support of this proposal. I know, like others have said, it's something that's been worked on for several years. It's something we should do. It's something we need to do. I, too, have been paying long-term care premiums for longer years than I can remember. And this encourages people to set aside money for those years. So I thank Senator Jensen for pursuing and being persistent in this endeavor and bringing it to us. I'd like to ask Senator Jensen a question, if he would respond.