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does that mean?

SENATOR JENSEN: I think it means exactly what it says, that we cannot, as a state, continually to meet all of the needs of all of the...of all of the low...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So that means a policy is...a policy is being stated here that poor people who have legitimate medical needs for which they cannot pay will not have assistance from the state in meeting those needs. Isn't that what this says, when you say it means exactly what it says?

SENATOR BAKER: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It means that there are legitimate needs which poor people cannot pay for but the state is not going to pay for those needs, to meet those needs. Isn't that true?

SENATOR JENSEN: What it means to me is the state alone cannot meet those needs.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why is that statement necessary to be in this list of findings?

SENATOR JENSEN: Well,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Suppose we eliminate it?

SENATOR JENSEN: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What harm or damage is done?

SENATOR JENSEN: It is findings. Of course, findings are just that. It could be eliminated.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if I were going to try to eliminate that, you wouldn't have any objection because it really doesn't change any of the active ingredients, if you want to call them that, of the bill.