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a drain on the public till. Isn't that true, just being blunt, as a class, aged people are more likely to continue to be a drain on the public till, even if they receive certain types of treatment?

SENATOR JENSEN: That is true. You know, it's the same axiom that we have in many other issues. Eighty percent of the people on Medicaid...or, excuse me, twenty percent of the people on Medicaid are taking eighty percent of the cost.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And who are those 20 percent?

SENATOR JENSEN: All right. Those...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who comprise them?

SENATOR JENSEN: ...are individuals with multiple problems and chronic problems. Now, one of the things that we have looked at, and other states have looked at also, is how can we help these people to work through their medical condition, chronic problems, perhaps through a caseworker type of approach.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, okay, that's going to take all my time.

SENATOR JENSEN: I'm sorry.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Jensen, being very forthright, might it not be wise to adopt a public policy to let some of these old people just waste away and die from natural causes? They are a drain. They probably, as a class, are a greater drain. They may never become productive citizens. So since we're being hardheaded in dealing with this, isn't one of the realities that old people don't have as many years to live, as a class, than younger people? Isn't that true?

SENATOR JENSEN: Statistically, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why keep them around...

SENATOR JENSEN: So are we going to give them up? No.