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States of America. And he's right. I said in earlier statements and I say it again, are there some things in this plan that are wonderful? Absolutely. Do I want to move forward with them? Absolutely. The ideas for positive reform here were brought by people who are subjected to what we're going to do. They were brought to us by the elderly and by the disabled and by the poor, and they said, if you'll...if you'll listen to us and give us some things that will enable us to live a better life and access healthcare, you can do it cheaper; you can do it by managing your money better; keep us in our homes longer; give us the opportunity to spend our dollars and not tell us what we've got to spend it for when you can make, you as the government, make bad decisions; let us do that and we'll save you money; give us appropriate day care so we can continue to work and get education so we can become productive; do things that enable us, that build the bridge for us to be able to make income; don't just take away for the sake of saving, supposedly, saving money, but think of what's happening every time you make that decision; and can you empower us sometimes by investing more capital? This is what a good management person would do, a good business person would do. If they see that they can have additional revenue and, therefore, additional profits, they'll invest money to do it. We as government have a tendency to not to do that. We just want to cut instead of manage better.

SENATOR BAKER: One minute.

SENATOR BYARS: I think we can manage better. I think there are pieces in this bill that allow us to do that. I think the conversation we're having is extremely important and I ask all of you, think. Think in terms of how we can spend our money better, not just by chopping from \$1 to 50 cents that we give to somebody who has a need, but think how we're going to spend it. And it doesn't come by telling somebody, well, we're only going to reimburse your dentist at 25 percent of their cost and, therefore, the dentist won't see you, so they don't get healthcare. Then they get abscessed, they show up at the emergency room of the hospital. And 40 percent of the total revenues the hospital bills are uncollectible and they write it off. That goes directly into what your bill is when you walk through the door and you're insured or you're able to private