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which is what the language calls us to do. I thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'm not sure I know many of the answers here. It's a very good discussion and I think Senator Kruse particularly made some good comments that I was very interested in. Senator Byars is here. I'd like to start with a question of him if I may, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: You have the benefit, Senator Byars, of being to some national seminars, I understand, that I haven't had. On the issue of national healthcare, it piqued my interest a little bit to hear you say what Newt Gingrich says because it's been in the national news obviously, but we haven't gone there. Is it possible to have national health insurance that would be...would meet the needs of all Americans at an affordable rate? Have you gotten into that type of discussion or information anywhere?

SENATOR BYARS: I've been involved in this conversation for the last several years and in a conversation with people such as Congressman Gingrich, representatives of the Brookings Institution, representatives of some...both some very conservative and some very liberal think tanks. Everyone says that we need it. When you push them and says what should a final product look like and can we accomplish it, they all look at you with a glazed look on their face and shake their head and say, I don't know.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay.

SENATOR BYARS: Everybody agrees we need to do it and it doesn't make any difference what political party you're from or for. The people that know healthcare say we need to do it. But there are so many special interests pushing so many different ways on this that I'm not sure how we get there, Senator.