

because that's the way I look at it as I move forward to probably support this. I'm glad that Senator Robinson has his amendment "on there" because it will I think provide some mechanisms to study this. I also recognize I think we're taking a calculated risk and not in terms of money. But I also subscribe to the theory of preventive maintenance, if you will. Perhaps this isn't maintenance, but have a pro-active approach to this area that is so prevalent through society and I know it doesn't reach every one of us individually many times, but when it does it is devastating and I think that from that standpoint if we can utilize our dollars, if it is state, if it is federal, more efficiently and do more good work, and I guess as I've been sitting here listening to the debate I've become convinced that this is a way to do something different and do it better. And I guess we'll be looking at that from that standpoint that I am strongly hopeful that it will be better and I guess you've convinced me, Senator Rasmussen.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, a question of Senator Warner, please. Senator Warner, would you have a moment for a question?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yes, sir, to the best of your recollection, what was the federal-state match when Medicaid was started in '65?

SENATOR WARNER: Somebody made a reference it was 90-10 to me the other day, but I honestly don't recall.

SENATOR COORDSEN: That's...90-10 is probably a ballpark figure of what it was.

SENATOR WARNER: I do not (inaudible)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Subject to investigation. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: I do recall that we were spending roughly a million dollars a year when I came here in this broad area of state funds.