

was on the Appropriations Committee, this sort of reminds me of the big research center that the university had to have. I know they had to have 6 million General Funds and so forth, and I know I asked the question at the...at the hearing, the Appropriations Committee hearing, I think it was, to Dr. Massengale. I said, well, how many research centers do we need in the country? And, Senator Lindsay, I guess that's my question to you. How many research centers do we...how many research centers in the country are there on cancer, and I guess the follow-up question is, how many of them do we need, how many of them can we afford?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well, Senator Robinson, there...I don't know, to answer your question, I don't know how many...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...research centers there are, but how many we need, when you say how many can we afford.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I guess that's the question, how many can we?

SENATOR LINDSAY: You can probably link the two together. We need as many as we can afford. Cancer is...one in five deaths in the United States right now are attributable to cancer, that's one out of five premature deaths, and these are, you know, we are not talking about people would have died regardless just simply to natural causes. One out of five premature deaths are attributable to cancer, therefore, it is probably the most significant health problem in the nation, at least one of the top two or three.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Um-hmm.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Because of that, the number of research centers, I think we've always got to be looking for...in research centers, obviously, look at different things, depending on which research center you are looking at, whether it be looking at a cure, looking at prevention, looking at treatment, looking to different facets of the problem. In addition to that, cancers are different, so you have different cancer centers might have a specialty or a specific area that they do most of their work in or they might have a (interruption)...

SENATOR ROBINSON: I have another question. What significant