

we're having to take what's left on the table and I think a change in that system has to be turned around. It's got to be consumer driven. Got to get a hold on the cost and come up where the public has some say in where we're going as a state and where we're going as a health care system.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time. Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Jones, followed by Senators Byars, Horgan, Elmer, Schellpeper, Wesely and Robinson. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Madam Presidents (sic) and members of this body, I guess there's a lot that I don't know about this and it looks like it's kind of complicated. Can I ask Wesely a couple questions, please?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR JONES: What's the...just say I've got a local hospital out there. What more paperwork and fiscal impact will it make on my hospital?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, currently, there's a data provision in the bill that would provide for information now gathered by hospitals to be sent in to the...to an independent foundation that will be set up in cooperation with the insurance industry and the Health Department and the hospitals and hopefully this won't add a new layer of paperwork, but will take current information, put it out in a form that can be utilized both from the insurance industry and the hospitals to then be used as a basis for making some decision so that...that...the way it's working right now I don't think that will be additional data. The planning process I think will take that data and whatever else is available currently and try again to make some determinations of where people want to go, maybe...maybe the current plans that a hospital has. In a certain region they may ask the hospital to submit the plans they've developed or some figures they may have. I don't think you'll see new additional requests for something they haven't already got, but I think you'll see the regional planning board wanting to know what they're planning, where they're going, what information they have available. So I...my frank assessment is I don't know that you're going to see anything new required in terms of information that isn't now available, but you will see requests