

and look a little more carefully, but it seems to me in the discussion that we had that it's a possibility, at least on the service, that the health care providers themselves may be excluded. Now, Senator Wesely, can you elaborate on that? I'll yield to Senator Wesely to answer the question.

SENATOR WESELY: Right, the bill is attempting to get consumers and purchasers of health care on the planning boards and so providers would be part of the advisory groups that were set up to work with them so they're not excluded from the process, but they're not actually on the regional board.

SENATOR BYARS: Okay. Thank you, Senator Wesely. I...I have a problem with that. I think whether...I don't think a board should be skewed in any one direction or another and obviously the health care providers that are...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BYARS: ...that are a part of the planning process and the wider delivery of services absolutely need to be included. There is a big, big difference between being in an advisory capacity and being in a vote...a voting capacity where you have an opportunity to exercise the...your power of objecting in or approving in the voting process and I would like to see that changed. Again, I'll go back to the fact that with major federal health care reform coming from Washington with us trying to rewrite federal...state health care reform in the State of Nebraska, I'm very reluctant to moving forward on this at this time. Certainly, I will continue to work with Senator Wesely in trying to formulate something that will mesh all these parts of the piece together. A regional health care planning council might be something that is part of that, but I'm very worried about...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR BYARS: ...setting up this level of bureaucracy and not knowing where we're going. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Madam President and members. I'm a little bit concerned now with 827 with Senator Byars' amendment that we offered and accepted that will require only Lincoln and