

wait. I think if we're going to see 400 billion...400 million, excuse me, 400 million more spent this year than last year on health care, then every year that we let this go on, we have additional hundreds of millions of dollars being spent. And, if we don't take action, hundreds of millions of dollars of new capital construction is coming forward. Other things are happening that drive up the cost of health care. We've got to get a handle on it. We've got to put a brake on the accelerator that has been down. It's now time to take the foot off the accelerator, put it on the brake. Let's slow it down. Let's stop the spiraling costs of health care.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time. Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President and members of the body, Senator Wesely made a comment that we are the spokesmen, we are the spokespeople of the providers. I want you to know up in my district my people support their hospitals. They are not the enemy. They support their hospitals. You go up into those communities. You go up to West Point. You go up to Oakland. You go up to Blair. They support their hospitals and I think you're wrong when you make that statement, Senator Wesely. Yes, you did. Yes, you did. You said we speak for the...we're the spokespeople for the pro...for the people. That's the way I construed it. If it you didn't say that then okay. I just got a call...I just got a call from one of my hospitals. They do not support 827. I have not heard from my hospitals. I'd like to know, Senator Wesely, what involvement have you had with the rural hospitals? Could you answer that question for me? I mean, have they...have they had input into this and do they know about 827?

SENATOR WESELY: First off, the quote that you had of me was that we are the spokespeople for the consumers and the public. I didn't say that our job was to represent or that we were representing the providers, so you misheard that.

SENATOR ROBINSON: No, no, no, I...

SENATOR WESELY: But back to the other question about the...

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...you're right. You're right, that's correct, but what...the way I interpreted that, that the providers, like the hospitals and so forth, do not listen to the