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SENATOR WESELY: They...their (inaudible)...

SENATOR ROBINSON: ..but they do. In my area they do.

SENATOR WESELY: I think that they have to, to some degree, but their agenda is a different one than I think the consumer. They're the salesperson. The other is the purchaser and that isn't always, I mean they're (inaudible).

SENATOR ROBINSON: So we're going to tell them what to do down here then. Is that what you're saying?

SENATOR WESELY: No. I'm saying that on a regionally based basis on a local effort that we should work with them and others to decide what we want to accomplish on a regional basis.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well, would you answer my question on what involvement...

SENATOR WESELY: (inaudible) involve (inaudible).

SENATOR ROBINSON: ..the rural hospitals had?

SENATOR WESELY: The rural hospitals are part of the Hospital Association. I have been in touch with Roger Keetle. This bill is in part, not only 827 but 829, had been before the body for months now. We have had discussions. We'll have additional discussions. I've talked to the Hospital Association about following up so, yeah, we've...we've attempted to listen and work together and we will continue to do that.

SENATOR ROBINSON: The...I noticed in your presentation, and I don't agree with it, everyone knows we have to do something with health care, but you get these new little phrases that we hear on TV all the time about national health care and I talk to people and they say right now they're not sure what they're going to do in Washington. And I guess it's my problem, like other people have stated, we're going to put something in place and your...in so many words you said, Senator Wesely, that this will not conflict with the national program. Well, if we don't know what the national program is how can we...how can you say that, because I don't think anyone knows what's going to happen? And I certainly don't disagree with you on a lot of points