

interest in trying to get that information to people. Now we have itemized bills, but you can't figure out what they...what they say and so we're trying to work towards simplifying the system and the idea is that if you do that then the consumer out there can get the itemized bill, can get...and understand it and then could say, no, no, I didn't get this; no, no, I didn't pay for the, you know, and can have some better understanding of what went into the costs that they're paying for, so that's the idea.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. Thank you. And once again I think that's an admirable objective, but from a practical standpoint out there in the field I don't know...I don't know what this is going to do to computer systems and data systems and so forth that each of our hospitals and health care providers have already got in place. I don't know if this is going to require eventually reprogramming that information to a standardized data system. I don't know that, but I know this. I know the cost of the changes that will have to be made to accommodate those rules and regulations will not be funded out of this cigarette tax. It will be funded...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...out of our hospital budgets and I don't know what that's going to...what that's going to amount to. I have some concerns about that. I...you know, I wish this bill had come up six weeks ago, and I know that isn't always within our capability to do that kind of thing, but I think it's a fairly broad and sweeping bill that will cause additional costs at the local level and I don't think we know what those are yet. I also remember just last week we added five cents to cigarettes and then two cents to cigarettes and now we're adding another penny and there's all kinds of talk at the federal level and I...I guess, from a philosophical standpoint, I like funding this kind of thing perhaps out of cigarette tax but what can...where does it stop, folks? How much can we burden one particular set of taxpayers with and is this funding source, as one of the other senators mentioned, stable enough and certain enough that we want to implement this...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...kind of a program with another penny on cigarette tax. Thank you, Madam Speaker.