

Why is that? It is occurring because the authority that the community hospital has had in our collective minds for so long is eroding because more and more of us are becoming disconcerted about health care costs and because more and more of us have become convinced that the Hospital Association by itself will not contain, can not contain, does not have the will to contain and is institutionally organized not to contain health care costs.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: So I tell you today, that if this bill is advanced and is passed, it simply is one more chip, one more chip, or one more step towards the demise the real demise of the community hospital that you all profess to espouse and love. Because what will happen if we do not come to grips with the enormous increase in health care costs in the next ten years is that we will all be subject to being cared for in profit making institutions that will be tremendously different from what we now know hospitals to be.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, just want to respond briefly again, it seems to me that the opponents to this bill would just say simply you don't need the equipment, let them die, I suppose, even the suggestion about the hospital care in England, I believe our hospital care in Nebraska, in the United States, Nebraska especially is second to none. We give the kind of care the people want. It strikes me a little strange that Senator Johnson and Senator Wesely suddenly are the great conservatives that are criticizing these hospital boards. I don't know who Senator Johnson is referring to when he talked about shakers and movers on those boards. I never considered myself a shaker or a mover. I think I was appointed to that board because . . . that the community thought I would use good judgment, and I believe that is why Senator Pappas was probably appointed to the board and that is why most of these boards are appointed. They do yoeman's service. You talk about containing hospital costs. Sure we would like to contain hospital costs, but there isn't a person in here that doesn't want the best when he goes. Senator Wesely is not going to be satisfied with an X-ray machine that was built twenty years ago. He is not going to be satisfied with the technology of five years ago or even two years ago or even last week. In order to keep up with that technology it is very expensive and our hospital costs are going to