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in the Legislature because of our tendency toward bureaucracy are contributing toward health care costs. I can recognize that problem but the facts are that unlimited growth in certain kinds of facilities have caused us an unlimited amount of problems in the past and promise more problems in the future. My colleagues here today will explain in detail some of the statistics which have brought about our efforts to amend this bill and I would hope that you will listen carefully to them and I would like to defer now to Senator Hoagland who has indicated to me that he has those statistics and he will also further explain the amendments. But I ask your support of the amendments to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, we are speaking on the motion to amend the committee amendments. Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I would like to speak to that motion, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. I think that this is clearly one of the most important days that we are going to have this legislative session because we are debating today one of the most important economic issues that we are going to consider this year and next year and I am really pleased that right now on the floor there are 46 of us that are present to hear this very important debate because today indeed I think is a crucial day for the future of containing health care costs in this state. Now I am pleased to be able to explain at this time the amendments, the package of amendments, that have been introduced by nine of us, by Senator Newell and Senator Wesely, by Senator Johnson, by Senator Simon, by Senator Rumery, Senator Dworak, Senator Schmit, Senator DeCamp and myself and we are all introducing this package of amendments to the committee amendments because we firmly believe that something needs to be done to hold down the inflationary spiral of hospital cost care increases in this particular state. Now I think that we all know that this is an era of limited resources and we have a shortage of petroleum which is resulting in a severe energy crisis. We have unparalleled double digit inflation. Yet in spite of that, the hospitals in Omaha alone spent \$230 million in capital construction costs since late 1972, and even though this is an era of limited resources, I am sure you all know because of the statistics we passed out that there are more CAT or CAT scanners in Omaha and Council Bluffs than in Sweden and Baltimore and Des Moines all combined, and in this era of double digit inflation, I think you probably know from the statistics we have handed out that hospital costs in two of the last four years have risen more than two times the consumer price index. Now I think all of us have constituents who are asking that we do something about