

the reach of those who really need it. I am one of those people who is poor, will probably be poor all of my life, because I do have some principles and scruples which make me more concerned about doing things to benefit people than making money. Were I to go ahead and become a lawyer to make money, it may shock some of you all to know that there have been corporations in this state who have offered me as much as \$600 an hour right now just to do legal research, and it is not that they thought that my research is that capable, although that is part of it. I think they wanted my reputation for not being on the take, and if I would hook up with them, that would automatically mean to some people that they have to be all right. But the money is not the primary thing so as a poor person I am in a position to understand the impact of raising the cost of things which are very essential. You ought not have to be rich to be able to provide for your children the medical service and attention that they need. Health care providers, Senator Koch, are after profits like the oil corporations. They are not interested primarily in meeting the needs of the communities. They are like the railroads. They want to charge all that the traffic will bear. When they want to set their prices as though they are going to gouge insurance companies, there are people who have to pay those premiums, and because insurance premiums skyrocket, there are a lot of people who don't have insurance either. So if the health care providers are going to say that the rate of insurance coverage is so much and so much and we can jack up the cost of a room to this high and the hospitals can say for a little plastic wash basin we can charge \$8. For medication that people don't receive, we can charge this much. Remember that the person who has no insurance has to pay those rates which are set on the basis of being able to gouge a company and I think that is wrong. The populace as a whole is disorganized, unorganized and unable to deal with hospitals, nursing homes, doctor associations and all of the other health care providers, and one thing about the providers that I am glad of now, they have begun to drop that cloak of being concerned about the healing and care of those who need it. They are after money pure and simple. They are organizing, establishing corporations, trying to find tax shelters and letting the public know that you are dealing with profit seekers in this area like every other one. So whenever you have a large profit seeker providing a necessary service, you have to have big matched with big. Since the populace as a whole and individual citizens are not big enough to meet these health care providers on a basis of equality, it is going to take somebody at least as big as they are. It is either going to be the state or it is going