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mentioned, cystic fibrosis, hemophilia and sickle cell, but that is not your reading of this bill I take it.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Now go down to line 10, it says the Director may by regulation expand the list of genetically handicapping conditions under this act but that has been stricken.

SENATOR JOHNSON: You have amended that out so you really are just covering three illnesses or three kinds of conditions?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, that is right.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Now does this change that we will take care of a youngster, not just while the youngster is a child, but through the adult years, is that also now going to included the crippled children's children?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Well, if..these three conditions will be taken care of beyond their age twenty-one until they pass on, frankly, but, let's see, the point is, for example, that in sickle cell, I am sorry, in cystic fibrosis, there is only about twenty of them that have gone beyond age twenty-one.

SENATOR JOHNSON: What I am really getting at, Senator Goodrich, is this. This is kind of...we are kind of pasting this on to our existing crippled children's program and so far as I know the crippled children's program only provides coverage to our children who are crippled or handicapped until they become an adult.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Until age twenty-one?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Right.

SENATOR GOODRICH: And we are not touching that.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Okay, that won't be touched. Okay, those are the questions I had. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, a question of Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.