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taxes on those dollars and bought our own health care, we buy a lower cost health care and we would have lower cost health care provided throughout the United States. I am against the proposal. I think it is a step in the wrong direction and we should not bring the bill back.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: I'll call the question.

SENATOR LAMB: The question has been called for. Do I see five seconds? I haven't seen five seconds at this point. I do see it now. Those in support of ceasing debate vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted on ceasing debate?

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting aye.

SENATOR LAMB: Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President to cease debate.

SENATOR LAMB: Debate has ceased. Senator Beyer, do you wish to close? Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, if I could have your attention for just a second. Senator Schmit and Senator Wesely talked about capital construction and that is nice. But the bill doesn't talk about capital construction. The bill talks about equipment. What the bill does is allows hospitals to save money to provide equipment cheaper so that they can buy the CAT Scanners, so they can buy the things that we need, X-Ray equipment and the other diagnostic equipment that we need and that we are going to purchase anyway cheaper so we can do better patient care, less expensive. That is what the bill is all about. That is all that it is all about. Senator Wesely relies on this study from the Department of. . . from the congressional budget office or whatever about capital construction. That is nice. But, it doesn't have anything to do with LB 952. The other point that I would make is that I'm not sure I would place a great deal of trust in that study anyway. It is probably the same budget office that thought Certificate of Need was such a great thing to force on the states. If any of you pay attention to what happened recently on Certificate of Need you will have learned that no matter what savings may have been claimed previously they have all been wiped out by the last expense that has been mandated and that is a 33.5 million dollar increase in the cost of the