

which there is a match required that at this point looks like we can cover for the first year but there is questions about the next year and the next year and, like it, there are other examples of funding available, in some cases up to a ten to one match to help us meet health care needs in this state that we have no resources to match and bring that money into Nebraska whether it be from the federal government, whether it be from private foundations, whether it be from other sources. And time and again I have seen us miss opportunities to help our citizens to help them meet their health care needs because we haven't had the sort of trust fund we're talking about here. And so for that penny a pack that we're talking about that would go into this Health Care Trust Fund the benefits in the health care field are tremendous. The opportunities are tremendous. We all recognize the advantages of heading off disease and illness yet we have done so little in this area. This money would go into a fund targeted in this area, looking at establishing public health services across the state, having immunizations available across the state, vaccine available, having mammography across the state available and other types of public health services that we all know could help us in the long run. I feel very strongly about this. I feel very strongly it's a wise investment and I would ask your support for the amendment and opposition to the bracket motion. Despite all of our frustration, we're all frustrated, I think this doesn't have to take a long amount of time. Let's discuss the merits of the issue and then let's take a vote on it and see if we can't take a step forward to help people in health care, the environment and other areas that this amendment would address. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Abboud, did you wish to address the bracket motion? Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, I'm not going to support the bracket motion, however, I do have a very significant problem with the way that this Beutler amendment has been presented to the body and, in fact, I think when we get back to the Beutler amendment if the bracket motion should fail, I think there is a very significant issue dealing with germaneness of this amendment, as I was reading the amend...the germaneness ruling in our rules and I'll reserve my comments to that issue at that time, but I do not support bracketing the bill itself. I think we should have a relevant discussion relating to Senator Beutler's motion, but I don't believe that it is germane to the bill and I think if you're going to take it