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This is a start but shouldn't we do more to help our rural hospitals? Why are we charging them interest at all? The Unclaimed Property and Estates Fund has well in excess of \$1Billion in it and the current federal funds interest rate is around 3.64%, but can change up or down. Why not use this to help with health care for free and still keep the 20% cap on it, as we will likely always have way more in the account than goes out. So many people are not even aware of the account. I like helping the rural hospitals that struggle to have adequate staff and declining Medicaid reimbursement rates.