

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS: The ayes have it.

9 We've approved that charge as well. Again, these are  
10 general enough I think so the taskforces can do their  
11 work and report back to us at our next meeting.

12 I'm going to ask Phil to talk about next  
13 steps. But I might, before doing that, just report  
14 very briefly on our meeting this morning with  
15 Chairman Kennedy of the Senate Health Committee.

16 As I think I mentioned this morning, he  
17 and Senator Enzi are the sponsors of the IT  
18 legislation last year. I think it's fair that NGA  
19 prefers the Senate version. We can convey that,  
20 along with our thanks for the Senator's leadership on  
21 this. He remains very focused on it, very interested  
22 in advancing this agenda item in the new Congress and

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1 spent a very generous amount of time with us talking  
2 about it this noon.

3 He also was interested in a lot of the  
4 other innovations that are going on around the  
5 country in health care in a variety of different  
6 contexts. We had what turned out to be a very wide-  
7 ranging discussion. But he is intent on focusing on  
8 health IT once again. His staff was exchanging cards  
9 with the NGA staff to ensure that they're in touch as  
10 this process go forward. We'll keep an eye on that  
11 as well.

12 Phil?

13 GOVERNOR BREDESEN: We're practicing for

14 an evening news show.

15 (Laughter.)

16 GOVERNOR DOUGLAS: You have term limits.

17 I don't.

18 GOVERNOR BREDESEN: We have obviously an  
19 ambitious work plan. I gather from this that the  
20 next meeting is to be set in April at a time and date  
21 to be determined. Certainly, on behalf of all the  
22 members here, I would say that to the extent to which

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1 those dates could be locked down early rather than  
2 later, I'm sure that would help us all. It gets out  
3 of the frantic phone calling. So I would certainly  
4 ask you to do that.

5 Again, we kind of leap along here and I  
6 think probably pre-discussed some of these things.  
7 But I guess Jim and I both wanted to ask you if there  
8 were items -- this is a good time, just an open time  
9 -- if there are items that you would like brought to  
10 the agenda in April at this meeting that are in  
11 addition to or different from the kind of approach we  
12 took -- the 60/20/20 kind of approach that was  
13 discussed around this table. That is the intent of  
14 that.

15 SENATOR MOORE: I think we've already  
16 covered this. I talked to the staff about the New  
17 England Health Care Institute and the Massachusetts  
18 Collaborative and how it fits into the discussion of  
19 the business model.

GOVERNOR BREDESEN: Maybe

20 we can get you or someone from that group to talk  
21 about that.

22 (Pause.)

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1 GOVERNOR BREDESEN: I think that's all,  
2 Jim.

3 GOVERNOR DOUGLAS: I want to thank all the  
4 members of the taskforce, the advisory group, the  
5 State Alliance for being here today. You're all very  
6 busy people and have a lot of responsibilities in  
7 your own states and companies and take time to come  
8 here to advance what I think is a very, very  
9 important agenda for the future of all the people we  
10 represent in our country. It means a great deal to  
11 Governor Bredesen and me. I want to thank you very,  
12 very much for your commitment to this effort and I  
13 think it's going to be something of which we can all  
14 be proud. But it is important that we stay focused.  
15 I'm not sure we're going to change the world, but  
16 we've got to find part of the world that we can make  
17 progress in and I think we're very strong and  
18 committed to doing that.

19 I want to thank you all. Thank Dr.  
20 Kolodner for being here as well and other guests, the  
21 panelists who presented today to help us with our  
22 deliberations. Thank you all very, very much.

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1 GOVERNOR BREDESEN: Move to adjourn.  
2 VOICES: So moved.  
3 VOICES: Second.  
4 GOVERNOR BREDESEN: All in favor?  
5 (Chorus of Ayes.)  
6 (Whereupon, at 3:30 p.m., the above-  
7 referenced matter was concluded.)