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Gov. Malloy has already cut payments to hospitals; I think to \$0.00. These facilities are having to work bare-bones now. House Bill 5493 would address that. Why on earth should they be double taxed? As it is now, CT is one of the highest taxed, if not **the* highest** taxed states in the Union. We have a spending problem, not a revenue problem. Our tax situation is driving companies and people to other, friendlier states. You don't kill the goose which lays the golden eggs, and the gov't in Hartford seems to have no problems getting out the axe. Isn't health care important to them? They will cheerfully toss money at non-essential pet things and then try to soak the important things, such as hospitals and clinics.