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AND REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA SCHROEDER (D-CO)  
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MRS. CLINTON: (In progress) -- as a friend, I'm thinking a  
lot about him and his family --

ANNOUNCER: Hillary Clinton speaking in Denver.

MRS. CLINTON: -- and obviously wishing him well.

Q (Off mike) -- for you to come back and try to  
reassert yourself in health care -- (off mike)?

MRS. CLINTON: I don't think it matters at all. I've been  
talking about health care for more than a year. I'm going to  
keep talking about health care, and we're going to get it done.  
And I'll talk as long or as hard as it takes till we do get it  
done.

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Q (Off mike) -- Whitewater, do you now still believe  
that, as you've said before, that you and your husband lost  
(\$69,000 ?) in that --

MRS. CLINTON: We are trying to figure out exact -- we know  
we lost money, we lost a bunch of money for us, and we're trying  
to get exact figures, and we'll be, you know, giving any  
information we come across, as we have all of it, to the special  
counsel. That's what we believe our primary obligation is, and  
that's what we're doing.

Q If I could follow on that, there have been reports  
over the weekend that you may have additional tax liability as a  
result of what has been found in the records.

MRS. CLINTON: Yeah.

Q If that's the case, how could you at the same time  
have lost the amount of money that you are talking about? How do  
you explain that?

MRS. CLINTON: Well, Dan, you're just going to have to wait

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along with everybody else as we work this through with the special counsel and try to figure out what we are obligated to give to him and what kinds of question we have to answer in that process. We're trying very hard to be respectful of that. And I've always said; you know; we lost money. Goodness knows what you all would be saying if we had any money. I'm glad we did lose money. (Laughter.) And we're just going to do whatever is appropriate to do; and that's what we've always done over the last 15 years or so as we have dealt with this.

Q (Off mike) -- should you have been more forthcoming with the public from the start on this?

MRS. CLINTON: Well, the public doesn't ask me about it; and I have tried very hard to be as understanding as I can about the concerns and questions of the press, and I've admitted that I've made mistakes in how I have perceived this and handled it. You know; you live and learn and you go on; and that's what I'm doing. And you know; when this is all over; it's going to be the same story we've been telling for two years -- we made a bad investment; we lost money; and there is really not much more to add to it.

Q (Off mike.)

MRS. CLINTON: I don't believe that any of our agenda to try to bring change to this country, to try to deal with the crime problem with a crime bill that's in the Congress now to deal with welfare reform; to deal with the budget, which went through on a big vote last week and didn't even get much notice because we're now back to business being -- running our government responsibly so a decent budget gets a good vote and is viewed as another step toward fiscal responsibility. I think that the entire agenda is moving along

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because it's what the American people voted for; and I think with respect to health care reform; if you look at the polls and all of the data that is printed in newspaper and on -- reported on TV stations; you will see as we do that the overwhelming majority of Americans want health care reform and they want it now; and when told about the principles in the president's approach; they support it.

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And that's really what we know is going to bring about health reform in America. And that's what I'm going to keep working on as hard as I can.

Q Mrs. Clinton, what kind of a --

GOV. ROMER: Let me say, let's take a couple more questions on non-MASH subjects. I've got a couple of people that I want to speak about this unit. I know you have other interests. We're talking about MASH. How about one or two more questions on other than this MASH unit, and then I'd like to go back to our program.

Q Congresswoman Schroeder talked about the Republicans trying to destroy you. You said a couple of weeks ago in an interview it was a "well-organized, well-financed attempt to undermine my husband" and yourself. Do you still feel that way?

MRS. CLINTON: Oh, I'm just going to stand on what I said before, and I think Pat has a lot more experience than I do, so I will cede to her.

REP. SCHROEDER: I feel that way. I also want to say about the health care, we just had 3,000 people hanging from the rafters, and we had about another 6,000 or 7,000 people mad that they couldn't get in on a Monday that's lovely like this, where there's 1,000 other things to do, and they had to pay \$15 to come, so I don't think it's affected it at all.

Q Are there things that are negotiable? I mean, the president has talked about backing off the mandatory alliances. Could you give us an idea where you and the Congress might get together on some of your differences?

MRS. CLINTON: Let me refer you to the transcript of what the president said, not to what was reported that the president said. What the president said was that there are certain functions that we are trying to get performed in our health care system, namely to pool people into large risk pools, to enable them to get discounts in the health insurance market, to enforce community ratings so we no longer discriminate against people on the basis of their health status or their age, and that our approach uses the alliance as a buyer's club, if you will, to get that done. And what the president said is, if there are ways to achieve the objectives that we have outlined other than what we've proposed, we have always said we are open to that and are more than willing to look at it and see how it would work.

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So backing up or backing forward, we are staying right where we have been, which is: "Here's what we want to do to ensure guaranteed health coverage for everybody." There are certain ways that it can be done. We've put out what we have said will work. As others now in Congress are coming forth with their ideas, we're going to be talking about that. That's what the congressional process is for. The bottom line has always been we want guaranteed private insurance for every American with comprehensive benefits that can never be taken away. There

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are different ways of getting there. We're open to that, but we need to make sure that's the end result.

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