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JON NELSON: This is going to be two sessions. We're going to have two presentations before the break. So, everybody, just stay in their seats for the next half hour. While we're going here, I'd add one observation based on Dr. van Dyck's comment. And that is, it shouldn't be a surprise to anybody that the HIT features of the stimulus package are throughout--if you really look back at what health care reform in the last six or eight months, or maybe longer than that was about, a lot of it has to do as health information technology.

So, the fact that it appears now in the stimulus package is maybe opportune, I think the upside is that things will get a jumpstart in that arena. The downside is that it's a very short fuse for all of us. And I would absolutely agree with the comment that an important feature of what that needs to include is a strong element of systems integration. So, you're looking at public health. You're looking at public health systems. You're looking at immunization. You're looking at screening connections to--and not a synchronic connection to clinical settings that's critical.

So, we'll see how this thing evolves. We can't say much about it. We really don't know how is this going to evolve, but it's probably going to work fairly quickly. I'm pretty loud anyway, but let me get over here.

Like I said this is the first of two sessions on this. We'll have a break starting in about, what, 10:30 or so, 10:00, yes. I won't speak much more. We've got a number of good speakers here. The first two are Maribeth Badura and Sabrina Matoff-Stepp and Carol (inaudible) confuse me here because she moved the agenda around. But we're ready to go. Sabrina is the director of the HRSA Office of Women's Health. That's the HRSA Office of Women's Health, not just simply MCHP. And in that capacity, she provides policy and program leadership across HRSA programs and Women's Health. Dr. Matoff-Stepp holds her Ph.D. and recently got it from Hopkins, I believe.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: No, it's Maryland.

JON NELSON: Maryland, excuse me. I hope, we didn't offend anybody out there. And Maribeth Badura is a nurse and director of the Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services. And Dr. van Dyck mentioned a number of the Healthy Start programs and I think you're all familiar with them. So, which one of you wanted to go first? Maribeth?

MARIBETH BADURA: I'll go first.

JON NELSON: Very good.