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shift money as they see fit. Now this fights that particular approach. In fact, as you well know, our budget generally fights this idea of lump sum appropriations to give a few people jurisdiction over the expenditure of money. And this department is a good example of this. So, specifically in this budget is money tied to regional centers, so that they can't take that money and shift it elsewhere.

SENATOR NORE: So it would be impossible for them, for instance Mr. Anderson, to gradually phase out the Mental Health Regional Center, and move it somewhere else.

SENATOR MARVEL: No, I don't think. Let me say that the money is there, but let me also say that I think there is authority in the statutes which gives the Director of the Department of Public Institutions quite a little authority. So, rather than simply rest on this particular piece of legislation, then I think as Senator Kennedy has indicated we have to be alert and simply use this as a tool to battle with this department when we think they are out of line. There are some people that think we don't have this right, and what this budget bill is trying to do is tighten this down so that administrators, including the Governor don't have much flexibility. Now they say, we don't have that confidence in them, and that could be exactly true. And I think in addition to that, we say that the appropriations process belongs to us constitutionally, and we ought to keep it. And that is what we are trying to do.

SENATOR NORE: Well, personally I like that approach, and I know that the people in northeast Nebraska would like to see the Veterans Complex at Norfolk and also a facility for probably 150 or 200 mental patients up there to be there permanently, as has been in the several scores of years. And there is a problem now of federal funds. These folks are not against the Veterans. They are for the Veterans. And they are also for the mental patients that don't want to be shipped outside their habitat to some strange area 100 miles away, or 150 for mental patients is just like shipping them to a foreign country and we want to be sure they are humane in doing these things and I like what you have in the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: I'd like to ask another clarification with Senator Marvel. Being as Senator Nore has brought up the subject again. Senator Marvel there is a lump sum appropriation and in that appropriation there is where we have had a plan in the Norfolk Regional Center, there an amount of money put in the total appropriation there for the Norfolk Regional Center, isn't this true? That's the intent.

SENATOR MARVEL: Well, the intent is to tie the money in line... well actually it will in line 10 to the Regional Centers. There is your right...there is not a specific amount attached to the Norfolk Center. Now there are...if you want to earmark that beyond what we have in here. Then what you need to do is get from the Fiscal Staff the figures that back up this total and then that can be earmarked. Now is that what you...

SENATOR KENNEDY: I asked for that and do have it. And in the long range programming my intent in the past two or three years was that we did have a program there, and it was to be followed