

SENATOR CARPENTER: 1054 will be discussed at that particular time with that amendment.

SENATOR MARVEL: That is right.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Let me ask about the funding on the local level. That is 25%. Are the counties there have they levied for that to anybody's knowledge? Some have? Well what about the rest of them?

SENATOR MARVEL: Does somebody else want to respond to that?

SENATOR STAHMER: They haven't been mandated to form themselves into units as they have in E & R or OMR as we did with 311, this is the idea to get them to organize themselves so we do have community or regional operations. I would say that the panhandle is in good shape and I think that the Grand Island area is in good shape and I think that the other parts of the state will fall into good shape soon after this bill is passed.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Am I correct for example that the area of the time to appropriate has gone by on the local level.

SENATOR STAHMER: No, I don't think so.

SENATOR CARPENTER: They formulated their budget by now, haven't they?

SENATOR STAHMER: I don't think so. Senator Carpenter some of the money on the local level I feel are already being extended to the various programs that are coming out of on-going programs. This is just an attempt to coordinate on a regional level much of already is going on and then build into the future on top of that.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Alright, what does Dr. Anderson have to do with this bill now? He is my favorite topic.

SENATOR STAHMER: I think that Dr. Anderson still has a great deal to do with the operation of because he is the head of VPI and he is also...

SENATOR CARPENTER: To what extent is he going to control this program directly or indirectly and particularly to the expenditure of the money.

SENATOR STAHMER: I would say to a perhaps 50% if not more.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I am one of the people in this body who don't have much confidence in his desire to be compassionate in the field of which he has the responsibility. I am one of those who voted against his confirmation. I want to know specifically what extent he is going to control this program throughout the state.

SENATOR STAHMER: My understanding would be that the programs would be adopted under mutual agreement between the regional boards and Dr. Anderson. But he does also have some leeway to do things through the department of VPI.

SENATOR CARPENTER: What I know about Dr. Anderson anything he is involved in he runs. There is no mutuality about it. Let me ask Senator Marvel a question. Senator Marvel what