

is your candid a opinion on how far Dr. Anderson will control this program on the overall and based upon the present formulation and content.

SENATOR MARVEL: It is my candid opinion that he would completely control the program.

SENATOR CARPENTER: It seems to me that we ought to give a good deal of consideration to this bill before we get into that kind of a bind.

SENATOR MARVEL: I'll tell you why I think that he will and this may be in disagreement with others here, but I referred as an example to the Hastings experience. I'm not opposed to community mental health programs but I am opposed to the half-baked way that they have been set up under his administration. I have sat through explanations by psychiatrists out in Hastings to try and find out by asking some questions as to how they propose to set up these programs, how much money it was going to cost and the answer was that we don't have anything to do with money, we are professionals. All we do is set up the structure and we let you folks worry about the money.

SENATOR STAHLER: Senator Carpenter I would like to add that if we don't pass the bill, he will have far more control than he will have if we do pass the bill. I think that it is at least a step in the right direction.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Let me ask you for example. I think that you amended a budget bill in almost to in order to some degree to relocate all of these institutions and all of these things, how does that fit into this?

SENATOR STAHLER: It doesn't fit into this at all. It was to have been a separate bill and it was to be considered on LB361, and I don't think that we are going to have time in this session to consider it.

SENATOR CARPENTER: What motivated you to do that to break it up and spread it around. You must not have much more confidence in him than I have.

SENATOR STAHLER: I think that it was a step in decentralization which is something that I personally favor and I'm not saying that it was a perfect step. Ultimately we will go into multi-county regions in the delivery of human services. I think that it was just a step in that direction.

SENATOR CARPENTER: It just seems to me Senator that you being on the budget committee that you ought to have more knowledge than the rest of us to the extent of this particular area. You must have an overriding reason in order to decentralize the institutions.

SENATOR STAHLER: I'll be very honest with you Senator Carpenter, I think that some day Omaha is going to control this whole state. I would like to consider myself a democrat and I think that it is good for the people in the panhandle to have as much to say about their affairs as possible. I think the same is true for the area around Grand Island, the Tri-cities and the Norfolk and that region. I think that to a large degree that we can ultimately come to this. I don't