

that come on out at the present time out of Beatrice, it is not even going to go on a one and one basis of increase in the waiting list. It is going to add a multiplier onto the waiting list in the programs. Recently the community programs are receiving more problems because those coming out of Beatrice at the present time are extremely high cost individuals for the communities to deal with. Most of the waiting lists are more moderately retarded that have graduated recently from school and are out of the educational programs. Now the shift is, these are the people that can be...more of them have the real potential of being helped unto their own with the original concept of the community program. I hope that Senator Warner will correct me if I have made any misleading statements as to the disposition of these funds because I want to clarify it from the standpoint of the state and I think the total situation has developed into a very serious situation by the time we are tight with budget to move people where we will lose federal funds and increase waiting lists by the directional movement of people out of the Beatrice State Developmental Center into the community programs and watch those waiting lists grow. I think we owe a commitment to attempt to get services to those waiting lists as soon as possible. It is not an issue, in my opinion, that is between the regions and Beatrice but an issue of providing the most services to the most people in a practical fashion for the State of Nebraska. I urge this resolution which would stop movement of people out of the Beatrice Developmental Center until these waiting lists are filled. I do not feel this is airtight, it is a resolution, that there will be any tremendous problems or any serious problems involved with moving like this and I feel we have very serious problems unless the Legislature comes in and show the state is going to take a rational view of how we are going to deal with the retarded with the best concerns of all the retarded and finances considered. I feel that the movement without regard for finances, the court was never brought into this. They don't have to deal with it, we do, and I think we ought to take a look at it now, make a commitment that we are looking to get a maximum of services for all concerned at a reasonable cost structure that will be afforded in future years. I think it is important that we pass this resolution at this time because there are approximately eighty scheduled to go out. Now the Legislature is not a part of the court decree. If any of you haven't found it, the resolution is on page 80 in the Journal. There was a handout put out yesterday as to the numbers as of June 1, the over 300 on the waiting list of the various regions and I think it is just imperative and I urge the body to support this resolution, pass it, and let the regions, the state, the Governor's office, all take a