

bill is to give like treatment to Douglas County Hospital which traditionally and historically has functioned somewhat on a similar basis as the regional centers for individuals who live in the vicinity of the institutions. And he was correct in saying that this would provide like treatment. There is another budget issue, however, that is before us and will be before you which would be to fund the community health services throughout the state in a comparable manner for this emergency protective service so that all areas would be treated equally and not as it is now where those counties that are adjacent to an area or near an area have the ability to utilize the regional centers for emergency protective service while some areas that are significantly in distance further away as a practical matter cannot. So I guess I would suggest, while I would be in concurrence with the equity that Senator Lynch is pointing out, but I would suggest perhaps that the bill should not be advanced until the Legislature resolves an issue if equity or like treatment should be provided throughout the state through the community mental health services. And I also should tell the body if the Legislature or the state decides to do it equally throughout the state, it is substantially more money, but the equity question perhaps should be addressed in its entirety rather than singularly. So I would like to suggest the bill not be advanced, certainly not be killed, but not be advanced until we have addressed the total issue of protective...temporary protective care, temporary protective care throughout the state.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, I would support Senator Warner as as it is now this has a fiscal note of \$373,000 the first two years and I would like to see what the Appropriations Committee comes up with before we do advance this bill. So I would like to support Senator Warner in holding this bill until Appropriations is through with their work. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on LB 82? Senator Lynch, do you have a closing?

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, Mr. President. The fiscal impact of this bill is \$28,000, not three hundred and some. It might be the fiscal impact of another bill. However, the present bill as it is written does simply identify that Douglas