

director of their association, if they belong to it. And I'm just wondering, Senator Wesely, as Chairman of the Human Services and Health Committee, is that going to be the case with LB 924, everything is going to come to a screeching halt over at the Health Department, and they are going to start back on square one do you think?

SENATOR WESELY: I hope not. That is really not a very good excuse for not implementing your bill. And I would agree with you, they should be moving faster.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, frankly, I don't find that much wrong with this bill. But I'm scared to death to vote for it because it is going to give them another two to three years because, God knows how long it will take them to write these regulations for the developmentally disabled nursing homes. And I wouldn't want to give them any more excuses then they've already used as much as I'd like to vote for the bill. Is there any way your committee could ask Dr. Wright, if he comes back from the University of Nebraska Medical Center where, I understand, he spends a great deal of his time now, if he could come back to Lincoln long enough, if he could write these rules and regulations separately from those that are supposed to have been written for the 1983 bills would you, as Chairman and with the concurrence of your committee, ask him to do that?

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, sure, I mean we've written and asked that he move on those regulations. And we're sorry that it hasn't happened quicker.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I know. The Governor wrote them in August. Governor Kerrey wrote Dr. Wright in August and said get the rules and regulations out. This is March. Maybe it's because the...

SENATOR CARSTEN: Forty-five seconds.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...the director isn't in Lincoln often enough to take care of it. I don't know. But I'm asking you to ask them to write these rules and regulations separately and not to do them until they do the ones for the 1983 bills. Would you do that?

SENATOR WESELY: That is reasonable, that is reasonable, you bet.