

the Beatrice State Home. Now whether that is right or wrong, I am not going to get involved in that because that decision was made several years ago. But the decision was made, the money is being appropriated. We do have the money available to do it. Let's just get it into the right regions.

PRESIDENT: Your time is up.

SENATOR DWORAK: And the way to get it into the right regions is to adopt Senator Burrows' amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, may I suggest there is a lot of confusion on this issue and there is time for some straight talk on it and first I would say that some of the questions Senator Kahle is raising, we are talking about money coming under the Title 20 program which is a block grant for social services and all of that money, basically all of that money, goes to the Department of Public Welfare. Then after the public hearings around the state to which we heard earlier reference this year on the floor, they make the distribution and there was a big hassle about a year and a half ago because the mental retardation people felt they were not having an appropriate share as did the elderly and so on and so forth. That is why the money, the federal money, comes through the Department of Public Welfare. Now I am looking at the Burrows amendment and I am speaking strongly in opposition to the Burrows amendment. I see that this money is to facilitate the movement of residents from the Beatrice State Development Center to community based programs. Well, that is great and that is precisely what we are doing with the money now. Senator Dworak, Senator Dworak, if you would, I would like to address a few comments to you. I think you have got your best shot coming up in an amendment that is up there, and if you support the Burrows amendment, you are doing yourself in and you are doing region IV in, in my opinion. Now that money is now put into discretionary fund, basically, under the direction of the Governor through his Department of Public Institutions and that money is not being spent. That was the intention of this Legislature in allocating that money that that money be spent for assisting the mentally retarded, specifically the community based programs in coping with the deinstitutionalization of the Beatrice Developmental Center. That money is not being spent and you want to reallocate part of that to region IV which may be quite appropriate. I think region IV has never got their act together in the past, frankly. You have got some new staff people. Maybe you have got a board that is willing to do something. I hope so and, well, I would just say why don't you try your amendment before going to the Burrows amendment because you do not have, as a legislator, the type of discretion that you have if you allocate it to the regions. We are depending upon the whim and will of the director of one of the executive departments, how they are going to spend the money, if they are going to spend the money and, in fact, they have not spent the money this year. We have concrete proof of it. Now that money is suppose to be spent for assisting the mentally retarded of the state. We can quibble about the allocation of it to the various regions and it is not a quibbling matter, it is a significant matter as I am sure you will agree, but we ought to handle that in a few minutes