

months and then another 30 days come, or excuse me, another 90 days come and then beyond that another 90 days, they couldn't then kick in the provisions of the bill immediately like that. They would have to wait a year after the effective date. So it would be one year after the effective date of this act before they could actually kick in the provisions of the bill.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So that I understand it right, if I had been in a nursing home for five years and I've already gone through \$50,000 or 40,000 or 30,000, I am totally now without funds, are you saying that I could not be eligible then under this, that they would have the right to put me out after I had spent 40 or 50,000? In Omaha a nursing home is anywhere from 2,000 to 3,000 a month, \$36,000 a year or 3,600 a year, so that after my money is gone you are saying they could put me out because it would not be retroactive and a year later they would take me back.

SENATOR WESELY: No, not exactly. What I understand that we're doing at this point is that, like you said, you've been in there for how many years you were saying, \$50,000 you've put into it. But this bill is trying to stop that sort of thing where after a certain period of time you run out of money and they throw you out, that that will stop it, but this says that you'll have to be there at least one more year after the effective date of this act before this provision would kick in and protect you and after that it would be that anybody out there could then...

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well then if next month I run out of money and I've been there four years and they've gotten that, what do I do in the interim while I wait a year for this amendment to take effect or...

SENATOR WESELY: You have no protection. That's the problem right now, you have no grounds in the law right now.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And you say that you met with the nursing homes and Senator Withem and worked out this compromise. Was there anyone there to represent the Office on Aging or the elderly that are in the nursing homes?

SENATOR WESELY: Hopefully, Senator Withem has that concern in mind and I hope I do too, but...

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, but I'm talking about the people that deal daily with the elderly. In other words, the compromise seems to be with the nursing homes association and not with the