

counting those that had been transferred out, approached 600 people in a county of less than 7,000, 10 percent of my home county. These people did not include those that would be otherwise eligible except for the pride of rural Nebraska. I think this is an issue where we should look at the need in the countryside. I know of an 85-year-old lady whose business is transporting people to areas where they can receive services. In that community there is very little alternative to this. I would urge that you give consideration to the concerns that exist in the communities of 50 and 100 people, basically retirement communities of poor people. I would urge that you look at your reasons and vote to advance 392 as one of the things that is important for state government to provide for the people in greater Nebraska. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you Senator Coordsen. The member from the 33rd District, Senator Jacklyn Smith, followed by Senators Lynch and Hall.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll be very brief. I would like, as a point of clarification, either a response from Senator Hannibal or Senator Warner, I don't care which. I think either one of you could probably answer my question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hannibal, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Sure.

SENATOR SMITH: When...we've had a lot of discussion here this morning, Senator Hannibal, regarding the Department of Social Services and what they were trying to do as the result of an action that we, as a body, did in a special session in a cut. I just would like to have it explained to the body, to myself particularly, did we mandate, if you want to call it that, to the Department of Social Services, you will cut this much money and it will be in field services and staff? Or did we allow them to make that choice when we said, you will be cut this much money and it will be in field services and staff? Or did we allow them to make that choice, when we said you will be cut so much money? That is what I need to know for myself.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Well, Senator Smith, I appreciate the opportunity to answer the question because, as Senator Wesely pointed out, I may have given you the impression of something I didn't mean to. I would not want to stand here, and if I gave