

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, I think we can...I think it's all right as it is. But if you need it for the clarification, I know Senator Robak, I'm sure, would be willing to...and I would be willing to work with you on that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Wesely, your light is next.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, let me...Madam President, members, following up on Senator Beutler's questions, one of the differences here is we've narrowly crafted this bill, as we did actually with some in the previous years, to focus on the mental health aspect. The rehab option is something that has broad application and can be utilized for more than just the mentally ill. But in this case we are utilizing mental health dollars, focusing in on the mentally ill and not broadening the rehab option beyond that in this legislation. So that's why we are able to clearly and distinctly know the fiscal impacts and keep those under control and not end up in a situation where the concerns that might be there would come to bear on the budget. So again I'm very supportive of this. I'm concerned that we haven't done it in the past. I would hope that you would support the legislation. If there are any additional questions I'm sure Senator Robak and I would be happy to answer them for you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, members of the body, this is to address some of the same concerns that you've been discussing here. I received a letter from Thomas Gauck (phonetic), I'm sure you've all received it, of the Nebraska Psychological Association. And with it was an attached kind of an outline of 752. And in the second paragraph of that it states...it's talking about the Maximus contract and talks about some problems with DSS or some concerns that they have expressed. And it says, the truth, however, is that state regulations can be written to ensure that no new entitlements and no new state funds are involved. This has been repeatedly demonstrated by other states. The rehab option is one of the opportunities discovered for a fee by federal fund finders, such as Maximus. This is something that we have to make...hopefully we will make