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able to discuss it today; I want to get some things in the record; I think there are other people on the floor who want to say some things today. And I think that we ought to get some answers before we move on, on this issue. So, with that, Mr. President, I will yield the rest of my time back to the floor.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. On the Schimek amendment, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members, I rise to discuss this. It's always difficult to put a budget together, when you're dealing with large numbers and this large organization, to know exactly what we should and shouldn't be doing. Suffice it to say it's huge numbers of dollars. And when this cut was offered in this agency our committee decided to take it. We had several discussions on this as to what we should or shouldn't do if it was going to impair services and that type of thing. We were assured that it wasn't. We also realized that the necessary care should be done there. There's always the chance next year we can come back with deficit funding to make up something that should have been done that wasn't done. But I would call your attention to page 98 and 99, in our...in our manual, the blue book, if you will. We have increased money in several of these areas. Now, exactly where it's going to go, I...I can't pinpoint all the details. And Senator Schimek, I know, wants to talk about this, and I think that's fine. But we did add..add quite a bit of money, \$1.5 million in this case, to shift differential payments to the regional centers, Beatrice, veterans' homes and the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers at Kearney and Geneva. And then we took some reductions in some other areas. But the point is we...and we've increased use of federal funds in some areas. So, I'm just saying it's difficult to pinpoint exactly where these things will happen when an agency is in charge of doing the management of their budget. And so I guess we took them at their word at that...at that point. We intend to monitor this. I know the Health and Human Services Committee monitors these things, so in a sense we have a split responsibility. Apparently, Business and Labor has discussed these issues, too. But in this day and age of pressure on our budgets, not only to