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hand is right, this is as of February 1, 2001, there's 15 vacancies, and that's direct care staff. We're talking about food service workers, developmental specialists, psychologists, mental health practitioner, a developmental technician, and I assume that that is the individuals who are directly taking care of the individuals being served, laundry workers, more food service workers. I want some assurance that there is not going to be...I want it in writing. Now I have "memoed" Health and Human Services that I want it in writing. I really don't like returning things on Final Reading for a specific amendment. I think this thing needs to be taken care of and I think that we need to know, not hope, not wish, not think, know that this is not going to result in a diminishment of the care of the people that are under our charge. I'm going to urge Senator Schimek not to withdraw this until we have a firm understanding as to what is going on. If Health and Human Services says, no, there's not going to be (inaudible), I want it in writing, and then I believe them. In the words of the immortal philosopher, Ronald Wilson Reagan, trust but verify. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Hilgert, on the Schimek amendment to LB 543.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, I'm trying to think of a suitable Reagan quote, Senator Tyson. The one that says, we begin bombing in five minutes, comes to mind, but we won't go there. (Laughter) But I rise to support Senator Schimek's amendment and I hope it is...we do discuss it, I hope that we do take it to heart. And I hope that, Senator Tyson, you do get those assurances before the Final Reading, so we have an opportunity, in case you don't get those assurances to correct this problem. We...certainly I'm on the Appropriations Committee. I took the cut. When an agency comes forward and says, we have X number of dollars that we don't need, would you mind cutting our budget, (laugh) the answer is, yes. We have...I have the information that Senator Tyson and others referred to about where these cuts will come from. And there's a concern that it will be different than the cuts as they were described to the committee. So that certainly when one of us gets the insurance that it won't be front-line personnel, that it won't affect the care that we give to the Nebraskans that are