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neighbors to those group homes and not good for the city, so I am very supportive of the bill. I think that it is a good step to take and I certainly think Senator Sieck should be commended for his effort. I hope that I helped to clarify some of your questions. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, again I think that I support these amendments to the bill. I have a couple of more questions though. Now Senator Sieck, is it not true that sometime these inhabitants of these residents are problem people?

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, they are problem or they wouldn't be in these homes. That is correct.

SENATOR NICHOL: All right, isn't it true also that they would like to play with other children or even older people or associate with people like they are? And, would it not be well for the clients of these hostels to be close together as far as they are concerned or has this in the past proven to be a problem?

SENATOR SIECK: I find that these type of individuals will not really associate with other people in the community...very, very seldom. They do associate among themselves as individuals. They have centers where these individuals will go to and work together, play together, study together and these type of things. They even work together, the work centers are such that they are working together.

SENATOR NICHOL: So it has proven by experience that it is better to have them farther apart.

SENATOR SIECK: Correct so that they feel a part of that other community.

SENATOR NICHOL: Now let's say that they want to put...somebody wants to put one of these homes in a city. Who decides that that home is placed there, in that city. Who decides that?

SENATOR SIECK: The...

SENATOR NICHOL: Would it be the Department of Health or would it be....

SENATOR SIECK: It would have to be worked between the city and the community service program in that given area. The community