

SENATOR MARSH: Presumably, Senator Kahle, it would be a family member. If the individual is not able to remain in their home, it probably would be a decision if a neighbor would report the situation where the Department of Welfare would need to be the decisionmaker in that case if the individual could not make that kind of a decision for their health and welfare, then the person, someone else but it would have to be through a court procedure. It would not be someone just moving in to do it.

SENATOR KAHLE: I think this...we have some very independent individuals out there and they would rather starve than have somebody tell them what to do and I guess that is where I find maybe we might have a problem.

SENATOR MARSH: Well, let's give it a try. You know I will try and help you change something if it is not but this is a piece which apparently is desired by many persons across the State of Nebraska. The Silver-Haired Legislature has discussed this for two years in a row. It was top priority last year for them and it remains top priority after their second Silver-Haired Legislature meeting to have this in its current amended form for they were supportive of the committee amendments as you well know.

SENATOR KAHLE: Thank you, Senator Marsh. I wanted to bring this up because I don't think it is a clear-cut issue that this is going to solve all of the problems and that is the only reason I brought it up because you are infringing upon the freedom of those people that are in abandonment. Even though they may cry for some help, they are not about to be told what to do. Thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: Am I closing?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Pirsch, your light was on. Do you wish to speak?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to tell the body and Senator Kahle that those sections had been struck, Sections 1 through 10 in the committee amendments, 1 through 11 in the committee amendments and Section 15, but I would have a question of Senator Marsh, if she will yield?

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Marsh, on the statewide toll free number, will there be established a separate adult abuse on top of the child abuse?