

from the Winnebago Tribal Council, "The unemployment rate on our reservation is 74% which impacts even more on the trauma and quality of life in our community related to alcohol and drug abuse." They are asking for our support in leaving this section of the statute in the existing law. I would turn over the rest of my time to Senator Hefner.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, I would support this amendment inasmuch as what it is really doing is eroding the money that we appropriated for alcoholism treatment last year and two or three years ago and rather than do it this way and erode what we had set up, I would very much support this amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members, I rise to support this amendment to this bill. If you remember in this bill we strike Section 23-362.03 and of course what that does is cut back on the Indian alcohol rehabilitation fund. I feel that we need to keep this program going. Of course, most of this money goes to or would affect the counties of Knox County and Thurston County and this is where the Santee Indian Reservation is located and also the Winnebago Indian Reservation. I am concerned if we don't receive this appropriation then we will have to cut back on our alcohol programs. I think rather than cutting back we should be adding to them because we certainly have problems in these areas. Therefore I would ask your support on this amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Again, Mr. President, the committee is not recommending there should not be alcohol rehabilitation programs, but we are saying that they all ought to be funded from a single program, a single agency, which is in...located in the Department of Institutions the current years recommended budget, including federal and state funds has roughly \$400,000 more than the proposed for next year that we currently are doing and we are just suggesting that that \$38,000 ought to be funded out of that program rather than through the Department of Administrative Services that is in essence a duplication of activity in two different agencies which seems illogical and it ought to be placed all in one agency.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Cullan.