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language. This has been agreed to by the ARC and also those from the private sector. And by the way, it involves no dollar amounts. We are not adding any dollars. We are not subtracting any dollars. Let me explain the amendment a little bit. The private sector is being asked to provide more human services at this time. The committee amendment that we adopted the other day, and this was the white copy, will make this task more difficult. I feel that this would be a disservice to those individuals being served in homes operated by the private sector. It would also be a disservice to the taxpayers in the State of Nebraska. The wording states that residents from the Beatrice State Development Center and those on community waiting lists must go to programs and services operated by the Mental Retardation Regional Governing Boards. The ability for the private sector to provide these services I believe would be eliminated from state control where it now exists. From past history it has been shown in any field that if the board that governs who shall provide services also provides those services, it is natural that any fair competition can be eliminated and we certainly do not want to eliminate competition at this time. The private sector receives many gifts and contributions from nontax sources to help relieve the burden from the taxpayers. I hate to see us lose these services of the private sector. With this amendment we would allow the private sector to continue under the existing procedure of a centralized state authority and that, of course, is the office of the Mental Retardation of the Department of Public Institutions. I feel that this office is best able to determine where quality and cost efficient services can be provided at the lowest burden to the taxpayer. We are finding out that government cannot do everything for everybody. We need help from the private sector. We need help from the churches, the communities, from the friends and the neighbors. This amendment assures the continuation of the private sector in the caring of the mentally handicapped. So I urge you to support this amendment, and I move the adoption of this amendment at this time.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body, the ARC and the regional programs have agreed to favor this amendment. There is some differences between the private sector and the regional governing boards. We are coming to you with a resolution that through the interim we can resolve some of these differences. We have to remember that in the regional section this has to be funded from all state