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how many more are anticipated to be moved out?

SENATOR MARSH: I am going to ask if staff has those figures or if Senator Warner does because I don't have those figures. I just know it has been much, much slower than they had anticipated.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Warner, did you wish to respond?

SENATOR WARNER: The number going out, Senator Carsten?

SENATOR CARSTEN: No, the number...there was a target figure at the outset of this whole movement that we expected to bring the number at the Home down to. Where are we at now and how far away are we from that target?

SENATOR WARNER: It is going to be...they are checking exact figures, Senator Carsten. Way, way back as you indicated I think initially it was like 250 but that is long gone now. As I recall after the court case the figure 550 runs in my mind and probably...Senator Burrows maybe knows it. Probably it is about what, six something today? 520 today? Well they are down further than I thought. I thought they were around...but 500 to 550 was I thought about the target figure after the lawsuit. I guess the current count they say is 520, so they are getting pretty close.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Then we are probably needing this money, if we are right at or close to the target, this money is literally needed then for these people that can be continued to be moved out. Is that correct? Is that my understanding then?

SENATOR WARNER: Historically, the purpose of the money in this program was to do one of two things, to provide funding for people who moved out or the continuation of people already moved out. That is provided for in the Appropriation bill. The concept was if individuals were not moved out, then the money was available for the operation at Beatrice. And I am sure it is very, you know, it is going to be tight for them if we adopt the amendment. I am not sure but what they will...Beatrice will be all right but it will be tight like a whole bunch of agencies are going to be very tight.

SENATOR CARSTEN: That was my next question and I am concerned about the Home that we do continue to maintain proper care and services for those that are going to have to be...will have to remain there and I am sure that Senator Burrows has a like consideration for that, and I was really