

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, I, too, hesitate to speak on this issue at this time but I think it is critical probably right now but it is going to be a lot more critical when we come back in January. We do a lot of things for our people, those that are poor and those that are in need and people that we are dealing with under these circumstances are those that certainly cannot help themselves, the unfortunates in our society and I think that we need to really look at this and I think the courts have been wrong in some of the decisions that they made. And I hope that we, the body, and with Senator Cullan's help can get some adjusting done. I think that too many people have been taken out of Beatrice too quickly. That is not the issue we are talking about this morning so I urge you to support the Burrows resolution so that we put some emphasis in this direction at least for the next session. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I concur with the remarks made by Senator Cullan which were remarks made in opposition to the resolution. Senator Cullan stated absolutely correctly that we are being asked to speak to an extraordinarily complex question and issue in a very short period of time without benefit of committee hearings and frankly without benefit of any comment or input from the Department of Public Institutions and from the community based retardation programs and the like and we are being asked to pass judgment on whether or not we will have funds available to meet the needs of those persons being served by the community based programs. We are being asked to pass judgment on whether or not we should discontinue the movement of approximately eighty individuals out of the Beatrice Center and we are being asked to pass judgment on issues that we do not have enough facts before us so that we can adequately pass judgment on those issues. Senator Burrows prepared a handout which I have on my desk and I assume that you have on your desk which I really do want to call to your attention because of its importance. He notes that there have been actual federal and state cuts I assume in the Title 20 Social Services Program for the remainder of this fiscal year with the remainder commencing October 1, 1981, and of course ending June 30, 1982, of \$1 million. \$1 million in lost monies to this state. He also notes that there are 304 individuals on waiting lists and by that he really means waiting lists established by the community based retardation programs. In the main, these are people who have never been in the Beatrice Center but who happen to be retarded individuals who are living at home with their parents or with other persons who need the kind of services that you and I have established and funded