

with our community based retardation programs but can't get in because those programs at this point don't have adequate money. Now what we see is a further reduction in federal monies as well as some state monies to the support of the community based programs. You and I are going to have some Herculean tasks ahead of us during the 1982 legislative session in determining how much state monies we should put into the community based programs so that 304 individuals can be served, but I must admit as I have really felt all the way through this session, we are acting prematurely in affecting budget cuts and in affecting programatic changes. You and I need to wait to see how it all shakes out in terms of our own state revenues and in terms of our federal allocations. As you may well know Congress has yet to affix the appropriations. It has done the authorizations but not the appropriations for many of the Social Services programs that are now coming to us in the form of block grant monies. Given the fact that we don't have adequate information to even begin to take a full and complete and healthy and sound look at what the needs are for our retarded people and our handicapped people and our needy people, I personally think that we do act with too much haste in adopting Senator Burrows well-intended and well-meaning resolution. At this juncture I would oppose the resolution.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Speaker, Senators, are we talking about passing a law or a resolution?

SENATOR CLARK: A resolution.

SENATOR HIGGINS: This is a resolution. A few minutes ago we were offered an amendment to a resolution saying, "let's tell the people to enforce the law, the Attorney General, the Highway Patrol, etc., etc." All this resolution says is, since we do say that they should provide community based residences for the mentally retarded. This is a statement of intent by the Legislature to say, "Get off your apathy and take care of the mentally retarded." I don't see anything wrong with a resolution doing this. We aren't going to change any laws with this resolution. We are just going to say, "Hey, what about those 300 people that we mandated by law some time ago that you will take care of?" Anybody scared to vote yes on a resolution that just says, "think about it, you people out there, that have been given this job. We, the Legislature, just want to tell you, 'get off your apathy and do the job.'" I can't see any reason to be afraid to sign or vote yes for this resolution. All the stuff that has gone down the line about lawsuits and that doesn't have a thing to do with this. You are