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priority in the director's eyes. And I realize that Senator Peterson is fervent about this and that's fine. I don't doubt his good faith on it. But I hope that you got...I hope that you got a copy...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: ...and maybe I should have given a copy and made it...passed out. It's titled...it was dated April 4th and it's titled Department of Public Institutions Mental Health Briefing For Senator Richard Peterson And Invited Senators. Now I assume some of you went to that briefing. I'm going to run out of time but I will talk more if I need to on this but what this thing says first and foremost is we have vacancies at Hastings Regional Center that could take the overload from Omaha. Now, Omaha has traditionally sent their people to Norfolk and they could and should send their people to Hastings where we have vacancies. If everything would work the same, we wouldn't need the place at Norfolk. It may be that we still need it but I would like to see the director have that flexibility, number one, and certainly I don't want to see us cut into that...the mandated problems that we have with the Nursing Home Reform Act because we do need these services. I don't think it's the judgment of the floor to be able to pre-empt the director of Public Institutions and their staff as to where our highest priority needs are. And I hope you...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: ...reject the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, followed by Senator Warner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support this amendment. And what this amendment would do is would transfer money to the Norfolk Regional Center to open another wing. Remember, it was just eight years ago that we fought the battle in the Legislature to keep the Norfolk Regional Center open. They said they wanted to close it. The administration said they wanted to close it because there was no need for it. Well, we proved eight years ago that we needed that not only for northeast Nebraska but for all of Nebraska. Now it's overflowing so it proves that we were right. So all we're doing in this amendment is asking for the transfer or the