

pointed out some very important things. We must do this alternative placement. We have mandates that we must have this done by April 1st of 1990. That's not even a year away. They have to be available. I might point out that besides the option of the director to open that wing as a regional center, an expansion of the regional center at Norfolk, there is a couple other options up there. One of the other options is that this money, by the way, will be going to the regions as community based types of programming and the option is to have the region open up that wing and have it be a regional based and lease it or rent it from Norfolk Regional Center. It could accomplish both things and be able to have an alternative placement as opposed to a set-in-concrete regional center, because the federal government has told us we have to have alternative placements. We have to have something other than regional centers. We have to have something other than nursing homes if we have need, and we're going to find out that need, based on prescreening, and that could be less care involved than nursing home. It could be less care involved than regional center acute care. It could be somewhere in between. We have a lot of alternatives now and I'm very concerned that we get involved in this process. I think that we should not on this floor and we really ought to work with the Governor, with the department director and if there is a problem there, then let's address it that way. But, right now, I don't think that we, as a body, should be involved in the day to day operations of the administration of that department.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner moves the previous question. May I see five hands? I do. Shall debate cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Shall debate cease? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wehrbein, please, further discussion.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, Senator Peterson has some very, very good points and I admit I am confused to the point when we made this decision in the Appropriations Committee approximately a month ago, I was very