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and the flexibility to be able to work within the mandates. And one of those flexibilities is the 34-bed regional center expansion at Norfolk. Other options are a rental out of that, a community based program there. There is a nursing home that's talking about closing down a wing up in Region 4 in the Norfolk area, closing it down and turning it into more of a half-way house, more of a community based...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: ...program to satisfy the needs of the Nursing Home Reform Act. I don't think we should say, you're making wrong decisions. If we think they're making wrong decisions, just fire him. Let's not just say, you're making wrong decisions, we're going to make them for you on the floor because I don't think we have the expertise.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Okay. Well, I'm very interested when Senator Smith does meet with them and what she finds out. We, as a Legislature, are funding some money to investigate very secretively the Franklin community deal and I don't know where it's getting us. I have no idea because it's totally secret and this is just off the shelf. I would say that we would spend our money wiser if we investigated state agencies. I think we've got a lot of waste out there. I think we're just throwing money out there with no control and I think we could for just a very few dollars investigate some of these agencies if that's what it takes. But I think we've got to be the oversight committee if it's within the constitutional powers of us.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith. Senator Moore. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Peterson, would you care to close?

SENATOR PETERSON: I have several things I would like to say. I