

SENATOR HANNIBAL: It is....

SENATOR SMITH: Oh, shoot, can I have another half a minute. Thank you. I will talk really fast now. Okay, I would just tell you that there is a difference of opinion on the number of beds that are available, because when we met, Senator Peterson has a totally different number of beds that he says are available and also in a brochure which was put out, in my understanding, by DPI which says the figures that he is using, Senator Hannibal, but in the meeting, we were told over and over that there are more beds than what the brochure said or what Senator Peterson said, so there is a discrepancy there in the number of beds that are available. Another thing is that there is a difference of opinion about...among I guess psychologists and psychiatrists and those people that work in these services about the value of community-based versus institutional care and that there is a place for both of them, but that you can't put someone out into the community in a community-based program...

PRESIDENT: Two minutes are up.

SENATOR SMITH: ...too many times except for a long period of time his being in the institution first, and that is why we need this. So, you know, the policies at the Hastings Regional Center, by the way, too, have made it impossible for them to get people in on an emergency basis, and policies they have keep people from wanting to go there. That is the problem we have to address also. Senator Peterson, thank you.

SENATOR PETERSON: Thank you, Senator Smith. You know, Senator Hannibal has stated that, you know, what we developed this morning, 300,000, and some of that money, to develop centers. My gosh, Senator Hannibal, you can't even get two psychiatrists for less than \$200,000, and do we need people that need hospitalization. I am not against community mental health people but, my golly, that is not going to go no place at all. One thing, I wish we had more time to ask Senator Hannibal a question, but what happened when we closed the psychiatric ward in the medical center in Omaha, what happened to the \$4 million? It just floated right back into the system, didn't get taken out. That is kind of an interesting situation. The Norfolk Regional Center, in particular, can treat 50, on an average 50 patients a month. It would sure help eliminate some of the problem. I predict that if we don't fund this, all of us, including all of us here, the Governor and DPI are going to be