

people what they by and large cannot provide for themselves, protection, transportation systems, education. We have banded together in social groups to do a lot of those things over the centuries that we have had organized societies. I have no one in my family that is a recipient of any of these programs, nor I guess do I have close acquaintances in that particular situation. But I do believe, as an organized society, that we have an obligation and a responsibility to provide for those who cannot care for themselves opportunities that they would not have without the support of all of society. I have seen some of the success stories in my district of people who have participated in the training programs in this region and perhaps other regions and came out of those programs able to care for themselves. We all remember or most of us remember not in the too far distant past...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...when people which were considered different were locked away in the attic, were put in a home. Today there are still those that because of the severity of their disabilities require institutionalization. But there are many, many people out there with some encouragement and some training that will be able to care for themselves. I would encourage the adoption of this increase for the funding of the people currently on...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...the mental retardation training programs. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion of the Coordsen amendment. Senator Schellpeper, followed by Senators Hannibal and Moore.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, with Senator Coordsen's last amendment he put his faith in this body and it didn't work. So I think he is going to probably try a different approach this time. Whenever Senator Coordsen would ask for any money, I can tell you that it is really needed and this program needs funding. Every year we attend a reception for the mentally retarded. When you leave there you have to have the feeling that whatever they want we have to give them. Those are people that need help and I think that we can give