

o'clock yesterday, is this correct, Mr. Clerk?

PRESIDENT: Yes, sir.

SENATOR COORDSEN: And at that time we were discussing my amendment to the committee amendments to 1031 which call for an increase in funding to the mental retardation regions, a total increase to five of the six regions of \$2,225,124, make some changes in intent language in the bill and there is one little piece of clean up language that I failed to mention and that was on page 29 of the committee amendments on line 9 after...the line reads basically services to children 21 years of age and younger, the words, "as of July 1, 1990" to indicate a time line on determining when that particular section of this would take effect as far as the children go. I think at the time we left off yesterday we were part way through a discussion as to the necessity of increasing the fundings to the mental retardation regions to take care of those people who were put into programs for one reason or the other and then the funding was not there. There were allegations of error on the part of one or more of the parties in making mistakes, in moving too fast, in misinterpreting a formula. From the number of months that I have tried to make a little sense of this issue, I think that there is a little truth to all of those comments that were made yesterday on the floor, but in doing that, in doing that and in listening to those comments I was reminded of the reason that I brought this and that was for those people who are in the system now and probably will have to leave by some method or the other until the funding is available for them. People that have a difficult time coping what we would consider to be ordinary life. I mentioned yesterday that I had no relatives in any of these programs nor close friends that had any relative in this programs. But I thought last night that I did have some friends in the program, not in this program, but certainly in the mental retardation broad scope of things. I have a friend, Randy Krueger. Randy is a Down's Syndrome person, pretty old for a person with Down's Syndrome. Randy celebrated his forty-fifth birthday. I picked Randy up and several other residents of the home in Hebron on a fairly regular basis and take them to church with us. Several years ago Randy was caught up in an effort to transfer patient resident load among some of the institutions in Nebraska. Randy's family lives in the area. Randy goes home like any five-year-old, because that's what Randy is, is about five years old, for birthday and Christmas and family gatherings and all of those things. Randy got a notice that he had to move