

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, my problem is jeopardy. I sit here today and I'm a little perplexed and don't know really what to do. I have sat here, I used to work for then Senator Harold Sieck. One thing I learned over the years is was sympathy for the retarded citizens of the state, and I have had opportunity in the past to do what I can and will continue to vote to give the situation money. But this particular situation has tended to raise my ire a little bit and I get more and more distraught, the more and more things like that are said. It is read to us on the floor that if we don't fund this money these people's services will be terminated. I'm getting a little fed up trying to use innocent people as pawns in this game to get us to give them money. Now, I agree with Senator Coordsen. I came into this session with a strict oath of myself that I was going to do whatever it took to make sure services were not terminated. Now since that time we have already pumped in an additional \$2.7 million this year over and above what was expected last year to fund these programs. And now Senator Coordsen, at the direction of certain people, comes in here, uses these innocent people as pawns in a blackmail process to get us to give them money. And I just...I will probably support this, not because of that, because I wanted to give my money to the program. The fact of the matter is that all those people out there calling us up, primarily in my Region V, you know, you can only blame DPI so much. You can only blame the Legislature so much. You can only blame the federal government so much. I mean, it's not always all the other kids' fault. Sometimes you've got to sit there and take responsibility for your own actions. In this particular situation, you know, it's just one of those times where I think there are certain people in this process have to understand that they can't just use those people out there as pawns to get us to give them money. And I think if you truly believe like I do, these people are helpless, you want to give them money, then vote for the amendment. Now, in the past it's been said what we've already done and I think Senator Warner may want to address this, what we've already done would be enough to make sure that services weren't terminated. And now the story is if we don't give \$2.2 million services are in jeopardy. Well, I don't know what the answer is. I can't find out what the answer is, but I do know that I'm a little bothered by these telephone calls that, yeah, give me \$2.7 million but if you don't give me 2.2, you know, my child is going to have their services cut. Now, they get that from somebody and I think it's time that those people get called on the carpet and say you can