

funding revealed that 25 percent had gone for increased operating including health insurance, rents, utilities, liability, start-up costs and so on and so forth. I realize those costs have to be increased. I, too, don't appreciate after so long a time when any particular group sees an opportunity for maybe increased funding. Our offices are bombarded with telephone calls. I happen to be a little closer to this maybe on the personal level. Until I got a call from Oxford, Nebraska, yesterday did I really take this quite as serious. I happen to have a niece, by husband's brother has a girl at Oxford. She has been crippled or has had problems ever since birth. She is about 31 or 32 years of age, has to be lifted in and out of the bathtub, in and out of the bathroom to use it, is wheelchair bound and so on and so forth. She is under the continued living or the residential. I called my brother-in-law this morning and I think he is one of the kindest and the help that they have taken and have given this girl their entire life is around her, vacations and so on and so forth, and also my sister-in-law serves in the program at Holdrege. She is one of the teachers, one of the instructors, not that she is college educated, but she is so kind and has a feeling for the group and the people that need the help. My question was to him, and he didn't want to say well, no they don't need help or anything. To his knowledge the funding was sufficient and people were getting care that needed to be taken care of in that particular area. At no time did he ever feel or did he ever want to say, no more than I do, that there are people out there that are in dire need of service and they're not getting that service and I didn't find that answer. So I think that my brother-in-law probably felt almost exactly as I do and then I'm sure that all of you and the Health Department and people have been given the same information as I have and I'll just read part of it. In the RMIS reported...the services reported an additional 414 persons in a 24-hour assisted services over the age of 21. The department believes that this remaining pool of 414 clients is large enough to reach the 754 clients eligible in the waiver for more funding. What I have been...what I've found out and I think most of the people in the body know that some of these clients were maybe taken on, were not exactly needed in the service or the service, the extent that they were given, so I look at it somewhat the Commonwealth case. Morally I know that we need to do the most that we possibly can, but I, too, have a problem when the bottom line comes here. Then we have to form in our own opinion what we are or we are not going to support, and I'm having a little problem...