

So you know, without regard to what you're from, and any senator can answer these questions from any of the regions. I'll start with Region V. I've got three questions. If...anybody can answer these I'd appreciate it because I've got the numbers from my region and I'll share them with the body as well. How many people were taken off the waiting list '87-88, '88-89? That's when the waiver went into place. Second question, how many people were taken from a more expensive and...program and added to a less costly local program in '87-88, '88-89? And how many people and what services will be cut back if this amendment is not passed? Because, you see, if you really didn't take people off the waiting list and if you really didn't take people from a more expensive setting to a less expensive setting, and if you didn't add services, but at the same time you were receiving more money based on what we've heard from some members of the Appropriation Committee, why are we being told that services will be cut back and how many people are out there? So I'll start with anybody from Region V that can help me answer those questions. See, if you can't, the people that told you that this is important didn't do everything they should have done. They didn't give you honestly the information you need to justify the amendment, and I would agree with Senator Moore. These things can become very emotional. I can tell you because I started the programs in Nebraska, in Douglas County. We had thousands of kids who never got anywhere, including an institution, were staying at home. And there are still kids waiting out there, in my district, 370 of them; in Region IV, 100 of them waiting to be served. Now if the people that proposed to you that this amendment was important, and I appreciate the charity, the generosity, the compassion that these people have and the senators who support this have. You've got to be able to tell us the numbers. Tell me the services that are going to be cut back. If you didn't have the services in the first place when you got the waiver money, why are you cutting them back or telling us we are? If you didn't put the people into the program when you got the money, why are you telling people they are going to be cut back? If you are getting the kind of increases as I know and understand from hearing an explanation from Senator Hannibal and Warner and the rest of the Appropriations Committee and as I can read, you're doing pretty good and then why am I so concerned? Because you see in my district we didn't, we didn't take people off the list, in a sense, to use them, to try to get more money and to force the politics of the issue onto this body unfairly. That's...