

plenty of beds available. So the thing is...if treatment is available or isn't available, if you've got the money, that's no problem whatsoever. The problem is the money and if you're unemployed and then it becomes a certain level of income, if you are eligible for Medicaid or if you're not eligible, and then it becomes...I think all of this is just really a moot question when you sum up the whole problem and it's money and money is available, and if you're unemployed, money is not available. And I think that we have made this simple little unemployment bill a bill that is almost impossible to live with. And if nothing else, if someone else doesn't, I'm going to be offering an amendment to take all of these off of that bill and go back to the unemployment or kill the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chizek. Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the body, would Brad answer a question or two? Brad, it would appear to me in applying your amendment to the Coordsen amendment that if somebody applies for enrollment in a program that they would not necessarily have to even enter the program, they just apply for it and walk away. We know, for example, that addicts are not...mostly addicts are not willing to even admit they've got a problem, let alone solve the problem by getting into a program and it looks to me like your amendment would say in essence, if I apply for it and I'll walk away and forget it, then I still qualify for the benefits. Is that correct or not?

SENATOR ASHFORD: No, that's not my intent, Senator Goodrich. I think the rest of the amendment would handle that part of it by saying that if they don't enroll...and we can clarify that language if we have to, but, obviously, the intent is that if they apply and don't enroll when that opening is available, then their benefits would be cut off. So, that's not my intent.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I...

SENATOR ASHFORD: What I'm trying to reach is the person that can't get in. That's it.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I just think we ought to have some language that says, in essence, that you can't just apply and walk away, because the way it can be interpreted now is that if you apply, you walk away and forget it and you still qualify for the benefits. I'm kind of reluctant to adopt this until such time