

the money is for staffing, so we could have treatment for...an additional treatment facility of 15 to 20 beds. I hope that I have explained this to you. And, if you have any questions, I would attempt to answer them. With that, Mr. Speaker, that completes at least my introduction.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Hannibal. For purposes of discussion, Senator Chizek, followed by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR CHIZEK: I rise to support the amendment. We had had a number of discussions prior to those folks meeting with the Appropriations Committee, and I think it's a problem that's bordering on being acute. Senator Hannibal is very accurate in what he says. Retrials or release, in many cases I want you to bear in mind that he, as Senator Hannibal had pointed out, some of these people, the witnesses are gone, et cetera, and what we're talking about is just putting them on the streets. So I think it borders on being acute, that we need this money to deal with a very serious problem, and I support it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, followed by Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I, too, Mr. Speaker, members, would rise in support of the amendment. I appreciate the Appropriations Committee response to this. Senator Chizek and I have discussed this. I understand when we get to an issue tomorrow, legislation that we've worked on, there will be an amendment that should help, as well, dealing with this. But in the short-term we need the money appropriated here to deal with this very important problem. And I think it's very appropriate, unfortunate but appropriate that we move forward on this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President and members, very quickly. We met yesterday as part of appropriations, just to see if there are alternatives. We could find none. So we simply need to go forward with this at this time. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: There are no other lights. Senator Hannibal, would you like to close? Thank you. The question before the body is the adoption of the Warner amendment as offered by Senator Hannibal. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you