

technology who have extraordinary care needs is that as families are unable to find the systems to help them, is that they are backed into a corner and they're relinquishing their rights as parents not because they don't want to care for that child, but they simply are unable to, due to the extraordinary medical demands or emotional and energy demands. And this, too, is a much more expensive way to work with our families and that is for state to take over the total care.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: So there is a money issue. I would suggest that what we're proposing here for coming up with some system would be much more efficient use of our dollars and I would also say it's a much more right thing for us to do in terms of supporting our families and helping to keep them intact.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I kind of would like to carry on a little bit of...continue the dialogue of Senator Peterson and Senator Withem and start it with Senator Rasmussen as far as what this bill does and what it doesn't do, what it commits us to and what it does not commit us to. The way it works right now is that there is a \$19,000 General Fund appropriation which actually is amassed toward some federal funds to develop some pilot projects. That's the only thing, two pilot projects, is that correct?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes, and actually what we have is some carryover money from the Part H authorization from the last year and with that money, combined with what we hope to free up through the Medicaid money, that's how we hope to fund the project. We wouldn't actually have to have the \$19,000. That could be covered with the Part H money that we have in terms of carryover, but it's worth, I think, talking about investing the 19,000 in order to get \$38,000 from the federal government.

SENATOR MOORE: Well between now and June 5, and we may talk more about how necessary the \$19,000 is for now, unless this is not an issue.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR MOORE: But then this develops two pilot programs. Now