

and Withem. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: I will waive.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Robinson. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Madam President, I do rise in support of the committee amendments. I think the committee has done an excellent job in addressing the issues that were raised by folks that I happen to, frankly, be looking out for not only in the work that I have done in the past on behalf of the schools but work that we...Senator Wehrbein and I have tried to do in introducing some bills that deal with similar subject matter. This clearly will be an amendment that will come back. I'm looking forward to working with the introducers to draft something that...that will allow this to happen. I guess one argument would be...one question I would ask anyway would be that why not do this. Why not utilize to the fullest the resources that are currently out there in the form of facilities that are available? That's difficult to argue against. The amendment is going to come back as an amendment to the bill. Between the time that that happens, I am hoping that Senator Wehrbein and I can sit down with the introducers and address the concerns that we have. I do believe that the committee amendments, as they have been introduced, do alleviate much of the concern that folks who do have a family at these various schools raised. I mean, frankly, it scares them to death. They have been on the chopping block a number of times. We have not gone about the process, I don't think, until the introduction of 638 as the committee amendments would amend it to address this in a uniform manner. We are about that now in the committee amendments. I intend to support the bill but I intend to also look out for the types of programming that is currently provided by these facilities. I am not unnecessarily going to protect bricks and mortar but I am clearly going to protect the need for residential types of facilities because you can't argue that they aren't needed. Now are they needed to the extent and should resources be readjusted? Very likely so. Those need to be addressed. I think the committee has done an excellent job in their amendments, Senator Rasmussen, in bringing this to the...to the floor. But don't expect that there aren't those of us who aren't going to address this issue from a programmatic approach as it deals with residential facilities. You can't get away from that. You can call it bricks and mortar all you want, it's still programming, it's still much needed and we still need