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SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I would like to ask Senator Wesely some questions.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wesely, would you respond, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Sure.

SENATOR ROBINSON: On this training, how many mental health boards do we have?

SENATOR WESELY: There's one in every judicial district and I think...and there may be more than that.

SENATOR ROBINSON: How many make...how many people make up those health boards and who are they?

SENATOR WESELY: There are three members of a board and there are three alternates to that...those three members.

SENATOR ROBINSON: What type of individual? Are they doctors or who are they? I'm just curious.

SENATOR WESELY: Doctor, lawyer, psychiatrist, psychologist.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, now are those...do those people have any kind of training before they are placed on those boards?

SENATOR WESELY: I think at this point the answer would be maybe.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Maybe, uh-huh.

SENATOR WESELY: And what we're saying is they should have some training. Particularly, I think these are people...the training we're talking about, Senator Robinson, isn't that...isn't necessarily the training that would...they are already usually having an expertise in this area in one way or another but it would be as a board member what are your responsibilities? How do you carry out the law? How do you make this very important judgment? And that's where these people, I think, need the training and haven't had it.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I guess I have a problem with the amount of money. You mean that DPA and that vast budget that they have