

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Wesely.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: The Department of Public Institutions has a whole division dedicated to Services for the Visually Impaired.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay, thank you very much. Then, Senator Crosby, it says to provide access to comprehensive mental health, alcoholism and drug abuse services and this is going to be related to the fiscal note and a question as to whether the fiscal note is, in fact, large enough to provide the services. Do you have any information on the number of services that there may be in existence across the State of Nebraska that would be brought under the umbrella of providing assistive services for applicants who are hearing-impaired?

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, I suppose there would be any number, except this is for mental health, drug abuse and alcohol abuse.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Mmm, hmm, I understand that. Okay, now let's see...it provides for \$10,000 for assistive-listening devices and this then relates to my first question. Is that going to be a large enough amount of money? And I don't know how much...what...I know what an assistive-listening device may be comprised of. What do they cost?

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, I don't know exactly what, it's a computer.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Mmm, hmm.

SENATOR CROSBY: So it could be anywhere from \$2,500 up.

SENATOR COORDSEN: That converts voice, the one I'm familiar with.

SENATOR CROSBY: I don't see where you see that for assistive devices for \$10,000, I'm sorry.

SENATOR COORDSEN: \$4,000, oh, I'm sorry. I missed that line.

SENATOR CROSBY: The \$10,000 is for DPI too.