

with the police department so when a Vietnamese or an Asian person is brought in and is under arrest they have somebody that can communicate. So it's the very same thing, but remember what I said earlier, those people can hear. God bless Mr. Renteria. If he had been hearing-impaired, he would have had even worse problems, but the thing is that we do not...the people who cannot hear have an added problem to the people who don't understand the language. So, yes, there are other people who need help and there are programs in place and the communities work very hard with all of these people. I don't know how many of you have ever seen, but if you ever want a really educational movie on hearing-impaired, watch the movie "The Man of a Thousand Faces". Lon Chaney, Sr., his parents were hearing-impaired, completely deaf. The man grew up with a frustration of trying to communicate with his own parents and trying to help them and that's what brought out this ability of his and his need to perform and to...he learned to sign at an early age, he had to, to be able to know what his mom and dad were telling him. So that is really a wonderful movie if you want to understand what hearing-impaired go through and what their families go through. Some of the other questions that were addressed, I want to point out to you that the Department of Public Institutions has agreed that the commission will get this person and hire this person and have this person coordinate. The person will coordinate. The person will not necessarily...he or she will be a professional who knows how to communicate with hearing-impaired and who knows and understand their problems and he or she will not necessarily go out and work one on one with the people that need the services. He or she will work with the people who give those services, train them, educate them so they do understand what they are doing. And so they will understand how to communicate and how to help the hard of hearing person come into what they need to do to survive. Forty-one other states has this kind of specialist and I can't tell you what department that person is in but forty-one other states do have such a person on board right now.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: So I am happy to answer any more questions that you have. I do have a letter that was part of the testimony at the hearing and this is the woman who had a son, a 12-year-old son, and she also works in the field of rehabilitation with the deaf adults. There were no services to help our son here and so she had to place him in a psychiatric facility in Illinois, a