

is they also, if there's a problem on funding, they will tell the...the ad...as an advocate, they will say, look, you're owed the funding, if you don't get it, you can sue, and sometimes we've had lawsuits against the State of Nebraska, not because of what Citizen Advocacy does but because we passed the law saying that they must have and they deserve to have the funding, so it's not their fault. They're simply doing what we set up in statute for them to do. We then expanded, by \$25,000, this body expanded to go into Omaha and then we expanded to go into Kearney. Another year we put in another \$25,000 so they could go into a little bit more in the western part of the state to help developmental...people with developmental disabilities out in the central part of the state, and now was the final one, not necessarily the final one, but the next stage to move out into the west central Nebraska area and that was North Platte, and then it was going to be Scottsbluff and they were doing it. And what happens is we put in the dollars for the salary for the one person, they handle the volunteers and they do all of the work at that point. I asked the Citizen Advocacy group, the Nebraska Advocacy group, I asked them if they had \$25,000, what was their top priority, and their top priority, they said, was to move out so that people in the western part of the state have some help and our next step was in North Platte, so that was their priorities. Senator Pedersen, they would like to go into all of the areas of the state, all the districts, but they are trying to get into as many parts of the state, one at a time, as possible. This was their next step. This was the one highest on the priority. If there would have been two on the priorities, I would have supported that. If there would have been three, I would have tried to support that. In the North Platte situation, they have contingency funding. They've gone to the United Way. They've got the funding for, I think in this case, \$7,400 because the people in North Platte want to help those that have developmental disabilities and they know what this group can do. They've got the volunteers. They're putting up their own monies for it in regards of their personal charities, in this case the United Way. They're saying it's a priority, we want to help our people in the area with developmental disabilities just like they're helped in Lincoln, just like they're helped in Kearney, just like they're helped in Omaha, and we would like to have the opportunity to do so. We will provide all the volunteers. Twenty-five thousand dollars for developmental disabilities, it moves it out to our part of the state. It'd be nice to have some help for...in our part of the state. It's not a budget buster. I think we'll be able to