

SENATOR HILLMAN: ...bill has progressed, I have met with representatives looking at putting this legislation together. There are state people that have come out to my area to meet with local providers to say how could it work out here, and there are local providers and individuals that are looking what that system would look like in an area like western Nebraska. We have an opportunity, an opportunity to develop a system that I think will better meet the needs of individuals clean across the state of Nebraska. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President. I would like to give my time to Senator Chambers, as he continues to discuss some of the issues about this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Members of the Legislature, if you will look at page 4 of this bill, read or scan what's in Section 4, it talks about the directors of the agencies shall work in partnership with the public and agency employees, it talks about a transition plan, a set of outcomes desired, a plan for support of local service networks, a long-term plan, everything listed on that page can be called for and called into existence by the Governor right now. Why won't the Governor use the authority he has right now? He can summon these agency heads, he can tell them this is what I want you to do when you come together. I want this kind of plan. Then I want you to make recommendations on this restructuring and I want there to be a detailed plan. I don't want a whole lot of big gaps so that what you talk about sounds like something up here in the air or from the field of dreams. Pardon me, Senator Beutler, for abusing your term again for using it, but it's handy. I want something practical. I want something realistic and I want something that can stand up to scrutiny, analysis and hostile attack. That's what I want. I don't want some vague kind of thing that nobody can understand or explain or two people with intelligence can read it and come up with opposite conclusions based on the lack of precision of what is presented. That's what we're being given and we're being told to enact it into law because the Governor does not want to assume the responsibility, and use the power that he has got. When Senator Hillman mentioned that people from different agencies come