

should help the courts with the indigent mentally ill. But my biggest reason for opposing this and not only the fact that the people have asked me to, the fact this is a tax shift and Governor Nelson said he would not sign on to a tax shift and that's exactly what this is. So for that reason I oppose it. Thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Klein. Senator Robinson, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Senator Wesely, Senator Wesely, ... Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Wesely, the part that I'm concerned about, and I think maybe some of it Senator Klein referred to, now we're going to do away with the regions on, the mental health regions, is that correct?

SENATOR WILL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR ROBINSON: It's my understanding in two years we'll do away with those?

SENATOR WESELY: Right. The...well, there'll still be regions, but we will eliminate these regional governing boards and the county funding of the regions. And it's more than mental health. You deal with a number of, of programs that I can go through if you'd like.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, now, but they all...they all do their business separately now, is that, would that be a fair statement?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, mental health and...

SENATOR ROBINSON: You have aging, you have the, I guess the...you have the mental health regions, which would take care of the developmental disability people, is that correct?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, you have mental health/substance abuse, that's one. You have develop, development+al disabilities...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Excuse me. state that again, would you please.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, the mental health/substance abuse regions