

don't think that it's...I think this is a population that's extremely vulnerable. And I think that...the \$20 million, I think he mentioned that we can find \$20 million somewhere in our budget. Well, we probably could. But those services would be cut and they would not have the \$20 million services. It wouldn't go back to those group homes that we have in my district and throughout the state, the community-based mental health services. They wouldn't get any of that money. That would just be...probably would be from property tax relief at that. I, I don't know what I'm going to do on Senator Chambers' amendment. I still oppose the committee amendments and the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Fisher on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR FISHER: Mr. President and members, I've had a lot of letters that oppose this and a lot of people, and I'll probably talk more on that when we get to the bill. I'd like to ask Senator Chambers a question.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Chambers, would you respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR FISHER: Senator Chambers, what's your intent with your amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, when they start to undertake this process, there should be the involvement of these groups which the committee amendment does recognize, but all the committee amendment says is that it's the Legislature's intent that they be allowed to participate. It recognizes that they do have something to contribute, but if they are not allowed to participate there is nothing that can be done. They can be totally ignored if the committee amendment is adopted as it stands. What my amendment says is that at every step of the way in implementing this bill, where you're making this changeover, you have to involve these community and regional representatives.

SENATOR FISHER: Thank you. And that's exactly what I thought you were...would be your answer. And that was a great concern of many people in my district, including some managers and