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perspective. So do we assign that to Health and Human Services where we have persons who are experienced in these kind of determinations? That isn't done in the bill. How are you going to administer this program if you adopt Senator Robak's amendment and then, based on your vote on the last amendment, how are you going to pay for it?

SENATOR SCHIMEK PRESIDING

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Chambers, you are next, followed by Senators Coordsen, Bohlke, and Robak.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, we are known in this Legislature to do things a step at the time, so the concerns that Senator Wickersham raised, which do have validity, can be addressed. But we need to get a basis for that into this bill first, then more people will have an active interest in helping to work our way through some of those technical difficulties that I think are not insurmountable. But, again, it means we're comfortable in the presence of a physical impairment. We don't have too much problem with that. The last time I was speaking, I ended by saying that people with mental ailments were deemed to be possessed with something evil. You've heard the expression, all of us have, beat the devil out of somebody. That's what they literally tried to do. People with mental illnesses were starved, they were tortured, they were placed in isolation, they were shackled, they were beaten, they were treated more inhumanely than would have been allowed during the cruelest periods of human history for an animal to be treated. And there are carryovers from that today. Families were made to feel so ashamed and embarrassed that a person with a mental illness, who was a member of the family, was hidden in the closet, or sent to some relative where nobody would see the person or make a connection between that person and other members of the family. When we deal with issues like this, we're not just talking about money. That's the easy, superficial way to avoid having to confront it. But we have people in this society among us who are facing day-to-day serious problems, and they have no organizations of their own members who can adequately speak for them and advocate for their situation. There was some guy that Jesus was going to heal, and