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nonresidential include anything that's not in-home?

SENATOR JENSEN: I would absolutely think so, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if we use the term residential, should that include whatever is in-home?

SENATOR JENSEN: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if we eliminated the words "institutional" and "in-home" but left residential or nonresidential, would we have included everything, I meant the locations where people would be who need these services?

SENATOR JENSEN: I think it would be all-inclusive, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, I really want to get away from that word "institutional" especially in a bill like this. There are some...some words carry stigmas with them. Some words, in the minds of the public, mean something other than their technical definition. Since this bill was drafted and patterned after a bill in some other state, that obviously does not have somebody in their Legislature like me, I don't think we necessarily need to incorporate their surplusage and unwise drafting into a law, a bill that is to become law in Nebraska. And, again, I'm telling you, I'm just nibbling around the edges. You don't have to accept any of these amendments. You can pass the bill just like it is now because on this one I'm not going to dig my heels and say that at all cost I will try to stop it. But other people are going to have to assume some responsibility and help rewrite this. Now I'm sure the introducer is satisfied with it, or he wouldn't have brought it the way that it is. Nobody else has any amendments. So the one that I'm offering now would simply eliminate the words "but not limited to." We don't need that. We don't need a number of the words that we have in this proposed legislation. I wonder, going up into other language in this bill, on page 2, where this support that is to be offered on a person to person basis goes to "the frail elderly with special needs." I don't know what special needs are, but we don't need to put that in because this is a bill that's going to be taken on faith. I am not going to offer amendments to change