depend upon them in the state of Nebraska. That's certainly a hope as well.   But I do want the body to realize that for individuals in this state there is a crisis brewing and when you read about it in the press about the Paxton Manor, if it does indeed close, if manna does not fall from the sky somehow, you'll know why, and it's something that the state needs to confront and the whole issue of mental health facilities and beds for those individuals who need it is certainly another issue. I know Senator Jensen is aware of it, he's working, he's looking into it, but, again, this is something that I applaud Senator Schimek for allowing me to bring before the body today. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Madam President, members of the body, and thank you, Senator Hilgert. I'd like to just have a little on-the-mike discussion with Senator Wehrbein about this issue.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wehrbein, will you yield?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And, Senator Wehrbein, it is my understanding that there was an additional appropriation made in this bill, I believe, to the tune of about, what, $4 million?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yeah, I'm looking it up.   It was $3 million for...for...in this area and I'm not clear whether this covers the area you're talking about.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And   I   don't   think   it   does,   and that...that's...that's why...I think this issue is complicated because of the various licensing provisions and so forth, but has there ever been a look at the rates we pay to providers for all of these different kinds of categories and the rates we pay to those people who are actually care providers? Because I know this issue just keeps coming up again and again. When we went out and did the interim studies on the veterans homes, for instance, that was a huge issue with some of those homes, and I just wonder if we've ever had an interim study that looks at all