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to support AM1222. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Vrtiska, on AM1222.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I rise in support of Senator Jensen's proposal. I think it makes a lot of sense. I'm not going to belabor you a length of time because some people have spoken on this issue. But as I was sitting here, I was thinking about...and this I'll address to Senator Byars. A few years ago, Senator Byars, they decided to move some of the patients or some of the residents out of the Beatrice State Home and move them into some other settings. Didn't that turn out to be a good thing?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars, would you respond?

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, I will. Yes, a very good thing.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, this is a different subject, I understand that, but we're talking along in the same lines of not having these regional centers. And I think I have to give my admiration to Senator Jensen for the hard work that he's done in trying to develop another direction for us to go with these mental patients, and I admire the work that he's done. We tend a lot of time admiring Senator Wehrbein and the hard work that that committee has done, and I appreciate that, but we've got a committee here that's worked hard to try to come to some kind of a consensus of how we need to handle those patients who have mental problems, and it appears to me that they're...that's the direction they're moving. And so, because of that, I think we need to stand in support of what they're doing, the direction they're trying to go, and for that reason I'll have to oppose Senator Tyson's amendment. Thank you, sir.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members of the body, may I ask Senator Jensen a question, please?