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devastating. It's devastating to the people who are afflicted by it, and it's also devastating to their families also. But I can see light at the end of the tunnel with the new way of doing it, and so, therefore, I will reluctantly be opposing Senator Tyson's amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Senator Cudaback, 30 years ago there was a similar situation as to what we have today. It was called the TB hospital at Kearney, Nebraska. With the medicines that became available to treat tuberculosis, the number of patients dwindled and dwindled, and the need for a single facility for treating TB disappeared. It went to a community-based way of doing things. We have exactly the same thing going on today. We have outmoded services that are very similar to the TB hospital of the 30 years ago. We don't need them. It's that simple. Reluctantly, we're going to cause some pain when we have changes. If we don't make these changes, we're going to cause a lot of pain for the patients and their families. And as I said when this was on General File here a few weeks back, we're here for one thing and one thing only and that's to make for better services and better treatment for the patient. Let's not forget that. Therefore, I oppose the amendment, AM1222.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, again, I oppose the Tyson amendment and I do think it's important we have this language in the bill talking about the regional center process. And I did hear Senator Tyson say that he didn't have an objection to closing them; he just didn't want this to be in the intent language, but I do think it needs to be in the intent language. Because if we're going to get to a new system, we won't be building acute care. If we were starting over, we wouldn't be building large, acute care, mental health facilities, and those buildings are now very, very old and have a lot of issues that need to be addressed there. In fact, some of those things are being put on hold pending the outcome of Senator Jensen's legislation because we don't know what the