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partially closed the regional centers or whatever. I think that we have adequate people that will see to it that this is done in an orderly manner and that this really doesn't need to be put in the form of statute. The other thing is too in this instance, is that certainly there is a case and consideration that should be made for the stakeholders and the providers of care, but from the list of people that we saw included in this proposed committee what we have again is the preservation of the existing system. That is not the intent. The intent is to modernize the system, go to the type of system that not only have they developed in the Panhandle but, as Doctor...or Senator Stuthman just mentioned, that they have kind of done this same thing in Columbus and in that area. I don't think that we need to muddy the waters by going ahead with all of these different types of mechanisms to slow the process down. Let's get on with it. Let's start doing what we should have been doing a few years back and let's do it right. One last thing. I said it the last time and I'm going to keep saying it till somebody listens, somebody listens. Let's remember the patient. Thank you.

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

SENATOR STUTHMAN:      Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. In listening to this amendment, I have some concerns about it and I do appreciate, you know, that there's...he's trying to get more people involved in the committee to try to make a decision. The real thing that concerns me is...and I would like to address this to Senator Tyson, if he would respond, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Senator Tyson, are you available for a question?

SENATOR TYSON:      Certainly.

SENATOR STUTHMAN:      Senator Tyson, by these boards and their meetings and their discussion with development of...or the process and possibility eliminating the regional centers or if this would be the right way to go, would these...would this board be the board that would say, you know, yes, we're going to