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the...point out the adequacy of, quote, statutorily establish councils and advisory board to plan for future service delivery, closed quotes. It appears inconsistent to claim illegality under Olmstead when the Nebraska Attorney General has, on unrelated cases, filed amicus curiae briefs with the U.S. Supreme Court, arguing that ADA does not apply to the states. How can 112 patients you cite, this is a letter to the Governor, be, quote, illegally, quote, confined if ADA doesn't apply to the states? The redesign of Nebraska's mental...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: ...health system should be thoughtful and considerate of the legitimate interests of patients, families, communities, and mental health providers. I would point out, as I have pointed out before, that Norfolk, which is my constituency, does not have any entitlement to a state institution, neither does Hastings, neither does Lincoln, neither does Omaha, neither does Milligan, Nebraska, or Emmet or Lynch. The entitlement runs to the mentally ill. We have an obligation there. Community services have been discussed and legislated on by this body, and one of them was noted by Senator Jensen, LB 1354 in 1998. Senator Don Wesely was then the Chairman of Health and Human Services. He sponsored that bill. There were...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR TYSON: ...three cospon...thank you, Mister...

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I've been involved in these discussions and the meetings that Senator Jensen referenced, and I want to thank him for the work that he's done on this. I appreciated Senator Brown's comments about community-based mental health and how we need to move it closer toward the consumer and to their families, and I, too, agree with that. I'm not rising in opposition to the bill because of economic development. I am...because I know the community of care that goes on in northeast Nebraska, and I'm worried about