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this leaves only billable services at the Hastings Regional Center, the chemical dependency treatment program for boys, the outpatient services, and residential services. We... Unicameral is dealing with many difficult issues this session. We appreciate the body's efforts to do the right thing. We know that Governor Johanns says that passing LB 1083 is the right thing to do. And like Dr. Kevin Piske at NRC says, we're for mental health reform, too, but it's not the right thing to do if it's not done right. So everyone who's on autopilot right now,...

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR COMBS: ...with thinking just green light, rubber stamp, rubber stamp, please pay attention, because we want to make sure that it is done correctly. We want community mental health services. It's not our intent to put gravel in the gears. But it is our intent to make sure that it's done correctly. Senator Wehrbein, could you address a question, please? Would you yield to a question, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR COMBS: Are you aware, or can you explain to me about this constituent letter that I got today that's about the ACT regulations allowing them to bill \$900,000, that's awaiting a signature for seven weeks? Or, like, the validity of that; or are you aware of that as far appropriations...?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'm not...what's...I don't know what area you're talking in.

SENATOR COMBS: Okay. I think it has to do with Medicaid appropriation.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ACT?