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these days, and psychiatric wards in hospitals are often not well equipped to deal with the kinds of patient I'm most concerned about, those who are a danger to themselves or others. Where have we heard that phrase, "danger to themselves or others," before--and who are exceptionally noncompliant or abusive or violent? Caring for mentally ill, dangerous people is a difficult proposition. It requires secure facilities and guards and security systems and a staff that is both mentally and physically prepared and trained to use force when necessary to overcome resistance or attack and to overcome and weather abuse and threats. It's not for the faint of heart.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: And these things may not work, may not fit well with a hospital staff and facilities. That's what I was talking about. We have to know that these people that say, this long list of Senator Jensen's, most of whom look like they're going to be people who look to get money from this, we need to know that they will stay the course. We need to know that when we say there's a community service located anywhere--I don't care where--that it's going to be there to handle the people that have to have that kind of facility, before treatment can begin. If we don't have that, we don't have anything at all, just the remnants of what used to be. And so I urge you to vote for AM3211. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. You've heard the closing on AM3211, which is amendment to FA1574. The question before the body is, shall that amendment be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is the second component of the divided committee amendment, an amendment to that amendment, offered by Senator Tyson. Have you all voted who care to? Have you all voted? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was not successful. Items for the record, please.