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of fact we are talking, or at least Health and Human Services Department are talking, about increasing the number of that. And they have been doing a good job out there and I would personally like to see that happen. So I really am looking to those two communities to continue providing services that they have in the past, and look forward to working with them in each and every way. With that, Mr. President, I would ask for the adoption of AM3560.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. You've heard the opening on AM3560 to LB 1083. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Cunningham, followed by Senators Tyson, Burling, Schimek. Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I'm not speaking on the amendment. I support the amendment and I want to be very clear that I am supporting the concept of the bill, LB 1083, and will be voting for that. Senator Jensen and his staff worked very, very hard on this issue and we've had a lot of meetings with some of us that had some differences. We very, I think, legitimately were concerned that we didn't think some of the services would be there before the regional centers were closed. And in the compromise there's some extra oversight to watch so that doesn't happen, so we're very, very appreciative of that. And I just was going to say a couple things to put them on the record, and Senator Jensen brought up a couple of them himself and put it on the record, but just an example of some of our concerns in these estimates that came out for the regions now. I believe Region VI has an estimate of \$18.3 million that they were going to need to implement these plans, and during the committee hearing, and it's not real clear to me, but the...someone that testified for Alegent said they were going to need \$15 million to \$20 million. Now, in one sense, I thought they were talking for Alegent, but someone else has told me they were talking for all of Omaha, so that would need to be clarified. But that was for a 60-bed facility that they wanted to build in Omaha, as I understand, and we've got to remember right now there's 177 patients in Norfolk alone, so we've got to find beds for those 177 patients. Region I out in Scottsbluff area, they're asking for \$1.4 million, but just to add two additional beds in the hospital out there, the two