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healthcare organizations and hospitals across this state are given additional opportunities to improve their education that is no expense through private government, through state or federal funds, to improve healthcare through scholarship programs that are provided through not-for-profit entities that are given...that are supported and funded by private funds? This isn't just a whimsical thing of asking for this type of incentive. It's incentive to provide the type of dollars and to replace dollars that ultimately we would have to make that hard decision on whether we as a state would provide. I look at the provision of services for people with developmental disabilities and with...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR BYARS: ...mental illnesses. You know, you do have some...you have some agencies out there that are totally The majority of those providing services in government-funded. the state of Nebraska are not-for-profit. Where do you suppose the homes...or the money comes to purchase a home, to remodel it, to structure it to be able to meet all the health code rules and regulations? It comes from private dollars foundations. Those dollars don't just materialize out of thin air. Without those dollars, they're never given back by government, and if we don't have those agencies to be able to provide those services, where are we to provide those services for the people of our state? It's absolutely imperative. purchase of vans; once in awhile the Department gets federal help to be able to purchase Transportation transportation equipment to be able to transport people in need, but typically those dollars again come from private sources. Now, . . .

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Time.

SENATOR BYARS: ...can you make the argument...thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: (Visitors introduced.) Senator Redfield, you're recognized.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members