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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Beutler. As this process then is refined, and as we're getting better at it, because, again, we're involving everyone involved in all of the communities that have some sort of effect on these individuals. We're getting better at this in mental illness, but we're not there yet. You know, we've moved a long way toward trying to define and trying to look at appropriate treatment for people with mental illness, but we haven't been very good at it. We've been better in the developmental disability field, and a lot of that is because symptoms show us from birth of an individual that has a developmental disability, and we have been able to build a system that deals with that. perfect? Boy, it sure isn't. Have we gotten where we need to be totally? No, we haven't. And you and I have had the discussion, we in the Health Committee have had the discussion. Senator Jensen and members of the Health Committee are very supportive of the fact. We finally have an administration, a policy cabinet, who are truly devising a plan for people with...all people with developmental disabilities, to look at what are needs; are they getting too many services; are they not getting enough; are they not getting any; is this person who is receiving services all of a sudden exhibiting some behavior that might be termed violent or dangerous, that needs to have some additional supervision or training? We're going to have a plan, finally, to deal with all of these issues. As part of that, we're going to deal with some issues that are very important to you: training, training of staff, appropriate placement and how do we make a decision on who it is and where it is that an individual is placed, what do we do as far as direct care staff workers and the type of abilities that they have and what type of training to deal with all of these things that we find in the assessment process. It's ongoing, but we have a definite difference in the mentally ill and those people with the developmental disabilities, in the recognition of both. would yield my time back to you, Senator.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Byars, I think I understand most of