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SENATOR CUDABACK: Were you asking a question, Senator Johnson? (Laughter)

SENATOR JOHNSON: No, sir.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry.

SENATOR JOHNSON: I'm done. In fact, I've been asked to sit

down.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry. Senator Flood, you're next.

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I want to thank our colleagues for the discussion this afternoon. One thing that I think we have to keep our eye on is responsible behavioral health care reform will not come cheap. We cannot do this on the cheap, because we have people's lives at stake. And I am certainly appreciative of the significance of a fiscal note I can appreciate Senator Pederson's that looks ominous. concern. And I will do everything in my power to see that we are using or at least proposing to use state resources the most efficient way possible. But if we do not fully fund behavioral health care reform when we need to...and maybe this tracking system will show a gap or an area or a service that needs to be We need to take that responsibility as lawmakers enhanced. seriously, and look the taxpayer in the eye and say, we have to pay for this, because this is a person's life. It's a relative of somebody in our state. It's a Nebraskan that needs our help at a time when there's nowhere else to turn. That's why we have to take this very seriously. And I...in Norfolk and Hastings, we've been on the job for over 100 years. We've been caring for the people that nobody else knew how to care for. And when that van leaves, it's quite personal to the providers in Norfolk. while I'm interested in doing whatever I can to make sure that we keep the cost down, at some point, if we can justify it and it's needed, we have to spend the money necessary responsible behavioral health care reform for all Nebraskans across the state. I just would urge you amendment, and I return the balance of my time. just would urge you to support the