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and Select File, we can look at that...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BYARS: ...as far as the appropriation process is concerned. But at this point, I would ask you that this is...these are people that need to be considered separately. The individuals that they're caring for and providing services for are very vulnerable, a very vulnerable population, and I would again ask you to move AM1440. I don't see a need for a huge extended debate on this, and I think most of us pretty well understand the situation. If there are any questions, I'll certainly take them or have any dialogue, but I see no reason why we have to have a huge extended debate. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Fischer, on the Byars amendment.

SENATOR FISCHER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. First of all, I'd like to thank Senator Pederson and all the members of the Appropriations Committee for the time that they have spent in preparing this budget and the information and the data that they looked over for it. I'd also like to thank Senator Byars for introducing this amendment because I do believe this is an important issue that we need to discuss. In my district, I would like to discuss two of the programs that we have that is affected by this amendment. One is in Valentine. This is a small program that employs from 20 to 25 people, and it supports about 18 clients. This is a group that's very close-knit. There are a number of individuals who move to our community to be a part of this program, and it also receives quite a bit of community support in the area around Valentine. The clients that are served, they are members of the community. They volunteer in a number of organizations. They are also employed by a number of businesses. This is an example of how community programs can work, but as Senator Byars said, it is hard to find people who are willing to be out there on the front lines and who are willing to provide these services at a very low salary. In Broken Bow, Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, they have a location there. They also have seven locations that