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me where we're going to fund the...how many more is there going to be--5, 10, 15, 20? If you're going to cover this whole state, tell me that.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Foley, would you yield?

SENATOR FOLEY: Yes, Mr. President. I spoke to this earlier. I said before that for purposes of this amendment I was going to respect the Appropriations Committee level. But if we get to the point where someone offers an amendment to change the funding level, I would give that full consideration. I'm not opposed to that. But I want to keep the discussion focused first on who gets to be a provider. Why would we only have 14 providers of services in a state as broad as Nebraska when we've got 450 providers for other similar programs? That makes no sense at all. Let's deal with this question first. We've can...we've got plenty of time on this budget, Senator Janssen. We've got plenty of time for more amendments.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Foley. Thank you, Senator Foley. But how many dollars is that going to be? And in the meantime, until that money is provided, you're going to see the providers that are now operating giving up some of their money. I just know that's going to happen. That is absolutely true. Before you ran an amendment like this, why didn't you...you're on the Appropriations Committee, aren't you?

SENATOR FOLEY: No, I'm not.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Oh, all right. Sorry about that. But you should have had an A bill along with it. That's usually the way it works. You should have went to the Appropriations Committee with a bill and some funding for this. Thank you, Senator Schimek, for the time. I'm very upset about this.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you. Senator Schimek, you have about one minute left on your time. Senator Preister, followed by Senator Don Pederson and Senator Smith. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. I would like to continue the question that I started earlier,