

SENATOR ABOUD: Will we have to pass additional legislation if the federal funds are cut off for the state to...will this be a decision made by the Department of Social Services or will there have to be legislation enacted to pick up these responsibilities that are enacted by 520?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: I don't think there would have to be legislation if the Department of Social Services prioritized within their own budget service coordination for families. They could continue to do it under what they are doing. If they don't think they have enough dollars to pull it off and they still think it's a good issue, they would have to come back in and ask for it. But I think the choice would be there for them to make that decision about whether or not to do it within the constraints of their own budget or to try and come in and get additional dollars.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay, Mr. Speaker, I'm going to give the additional time to Senator Bromm. Thank you, Senator.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Abboud. I have a couple of questions, Senator Rasmussen, if I could, please.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay, I represent primarily rural areas, Osceola, David City, Schuyler, Wahoo. How would you envision this program being implemented in those areas? Is it up to the local Social Service office to actually provide the coordination or how do you envision it working there?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: When we got these planning dollars five years ago, what the State of Nebraska did was put together I think 25 to 28 planning team regions. You have a planning team in your district, an interagency planning team that represents education, the medical community, Social Services and other providers who work with families who have kids with disabilities. That's the group that is going to decide how service coordination is going to be done in your community. The