

they were talking about a six-year wait to have this person who is in high need to get assistance, to receive that assistance. At the same time this emergency struck so we said, now listen, this makes no sense. Look at this, find a way to help these people, this is an emergency. They came back and they said, good news, good news, we think we can take care of this person in about six months, we'll have an opening. It's ridiculous. That is the circumstance we're in right now with services to developmentally disabled. We are underfunding them currently. A cut when you're already underfunding this service doesn't make a lot of sense in my view. We have legislation, as most people know, LB 830, out there to try and address this, to try and bring people into the system quicker and deal with some of these concerns. That has been delayed, but in the meantime we shouldn't lose ground. And so I'm asking for us to restore the cut. We have, I think, restored cuts in other DPI related areas. I don't know why this one continues to be singled out as not having been restored with their funding and I think there's very good reason to do this and I'd be happy to discuss it with anybody on the floor that would like to and again, I apologize to Senator Moore. I didn't have a chance to bring this up to him, but I would hope for support from the Appropriations Committee for this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Coordsen, on the Wesely amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I think members of the body that have been around for a few years understand that I have a special affinity for developmentally disadvantaged people and it's very difficult to vote against the Wesely amendment which I feel I have to this morning. And along the line with that statement, if Senator Moore would respond, I would like to ask him a question, please, perhaps two.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Senator Coordsen.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Moore, in '541 what are the growth of revenues, 60 million, \$80 million annually? Do you have that? In other words, we are spending more money in 541?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes. In 541, if you look on page 23 of the gray