

money well spent on a cause that is very just. I understand Senator Moore's concern, but again the point I am making is that we are filling a gap far less than it should be filled. I think, I'm trying to remember the figures of what we actually put in, in terms of General Funds to the community-based programs on developmental disabilities. But if I remember right, it's about 29, 30 million, and our gap is about 29 million. We are about halfway home in trying to deal with the problem, if I remember the figures from General File. So we are a little bit short here. We're not a little bit of a problem that we're trying to address. We have a huge, huge problem. There are lawsuits pending, there's a potential of us being into court and forced to do something far more than the \$4 million expenditure here, and so I ask you in good faith to support the Byars amendment and oppose the Moore amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members. I rise in opposition to Senator Moore's amendment. The underlying amendment, the Byars amendment, is a difficult amendment to support, but it is part of what transpired earlier when we dealt with the budget bill and we reduced the provision for the teachers \$5 million. We reduced some other things and we carved out I guess approximately somewhere in the neighborhood of \$10 million out of the budget. I don't envy Senator Moore's position. I fully expect that he would have to bring this type of amendment and say, look, it's nice to have choices, but it's even better to make the choice instead of leaving it to someone else, and that's really what he said. I'm going to, I guess, at this point make my choice and say my choice is to support the Byars amendment which is a reduction, excuse me, an increase from 2 to \$4 million because we didn't make that technical change at the time that 1136 was in front of us on General File. It was after the increase in the A bill, the \$8 million, that we knew we would have to address the \$2 million, hopefully increase it to 8, but after folks met again we debated the budget for the second time, there was an agreement that was struck that said, look, we're going to drop it to 4, and that's where the Byars amendment found its genesis. The Moore amendment, I do appreciate the position he is in. I can tell you though that I think the \$1 million is frankly not enough. I don't think the \$4 million is enough, and I frankly don't believe the \$8 million is enough. I do recognize though that the \$4 million is a figure that we basically can afford. We can afford it if we