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SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. This proposed amendment has the affect of taking the top figures from the first five Mental Retardation Districts of the state and taking the low figure for Area 6, which is the five county area surrounding Omaha and adding to that \$150,000 made up of \$100,000 for vocational rehabilitation contract which they were expecting in their budget last year, which has not been forthcoming. There is a proviso in the proposal so that if any of those dollars do come, they will not be spending general fund dollars but the general fund dollars will revert back to the State of Nebraska. The other item is \$50,000 which has to do with the Federal Regulations relating to wage and hour ruling, when you have foster parents coming in to be the substitute for the full time parents, the new federal regulation indicates that they must be paid over-time for every thing over eight hours. This is the additional \$50,000. The original figure was \$528,000. We are adding to that \$185,992 for a total of \$713,992, of that \$185,150 goes to Region 6. This is a compromise. This is not as much as Region 6 would like to have, but it is a realistic figure with which we can go. I move the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Question for Senator Marsh. If she will yield. Now, it may well be that the Governor will stick with \$528,000 total. If he chooses to veto line item veto it down to \$528,000 we have really no understanding of where he will take the money from which of the six regions and what proportions, is that correct?

SENATOR MARSH: This would be a possibility. However, I have been able to talk to him, so he is aware of this proposal, he has made no commitments, but he is aware that we are working on this.

SENATOR BEREUTER: It is true, isn't it Senator Marsh that Regions 1-5 are preparing their plans as if they were going to get the proportion of the original \$528,000 which the Governor had in his bill.

SENATOR MARSH: Yes, and that is exactly why we took the top figures from the various sections rather than have him take some dollars from the other mental regardation districts in order to give to region six.

SENATOR BEREUTER: There would be a danger wouldn't there Senator Marsh in that perhaps if the Governor chooses to line item veto those items, he may cut below amounts that he had originally scheduled for regions 1-6?

SENATOR MARSH: This is a possibility, but not a danger.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Why is it no....

SENATOR MARSH: This is within the Governor's prerogative he could veto the entire amount out. But, it wouldn't be a likely possibility when he has already come in with one set of figures given to us by letter a second set of figures and a fact that a number of people have discussed this particular