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if we adopt a standing committee amendment(s).

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Then would you feel that if LB302 were going to pass, that we should strike these regional appropriations in the appropriations bill?

SENATOR STAHLER: No, I don't because the money is needed to fund LB302. It'd be in excess of this. The only question would be how much money you would need in the various regions to plug in the differential for LB302. Let us assume perhaps, it might be \$50,000 in one region or \$500,000 in another region, in addition to what is shown in this bill. This is relatively minimal. LB302 would be basically a plug-in on top of this and in no instance would we be able to take this out. It's just a question of what amounts of money would be added in each of the regions.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Okay, then, what we're talking about here is \$3,000,000 that the Appropriations Committee recommends and if LB302 were to pass, that would be an additional \$3,000,000. We're talking about \$6,000,000 rather than \$3,000,000.

SENATOR STAHLER: No, that's not quite correct. In the first place, we have a standing committee amendment that cuts this \$3,000,000 down to \$1,500,000. Perhaps Senator Marvel should talk about that standing committee amendment now. And then we'll take an extra \$1,500,000 though it's discretionary between the regional centers and the community mental health. If we pass LB302, we would have to know which of these two routes we're going. Assuming we're adopting the standing committee amendments. I don't believe it would take an extra \$3,000,000 in LB302. Perhaps it would take an extra \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 would be my guess.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, now wait a minute, that isn't what the committee amendment says. It says that \$1,500,000 to be distributed through the Central Office to the regions as defined in 81. And then the \$1,625,000 for discretionary use to implement or maintain Community Mental Health programs. Now, that seems to be directed at the LB302 type regions, that whole monies. That whole \$3,000,000, that's \$3,000,000, \$1,600,000 and \$1,500,000.

SENATOR STAHLER: Well, LB302 really addresses itself specifically to Community Mental Health outside of the Regional Centers. Some of this is within Regional Centers now and some is without. We're really, I think the only thing we can do is pass this bill and if and when we take up LB302, we will just have to more or less adjust an A bill from whatever we pass out of this bill. And I don't think it would necessarily reflect what you now show for the funding for LB302. In other words, LB302 didn't anticipate in this budget bill. I think that fiscal note was adopted before we got into this ballgame and this operating budget bill.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Okay, well, that was my first question and then the second question there is if we're putting \$3,000,000 which was the original impact of LB302, then we have...when we look at LB302, we have to look at that as on top of this and not in conjunction with it.