

you have next, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator DeCamp and Senator Lynch, page 2302 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, this has to do with drug and alcohol programs, community programs, and also local mental health community programs that has to do with LB 280. From 1981 and 1982, there were 3,440 people served in the regional centers. In 1983 and '84, there were 3,151 people served or a decrease of about 8.4 percent.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Lynch, the call is raised. Thank you.

SENATOR LYNCH: In 1981, 1982, 1983, and 1984, there was approximately an increase of 17 percent of the people, of people served in the community drug and alcoholism programs for an increase of about 17 percent. Over that same period of time, the increase to regional centers was about 33.7 percent. In the local programs including federal funds, there was an actual decrease of about 1.8 percent. Why do I mention all that, sort of a preamble to what I would like to discuss with you and all of us that are in favor of this kind of effort are concerned with, as you all know, we discussed LB 280. LB 280 would raise this year about \$1,900,000, in 1986-87 about 2.9, and 87-88 3.9, and in 88-89 about 4.4 million, total increase over the next 4 years of about \$13.1 million. Why does that money exist? It exists because the people who run the local mental health programs and the people who run the local alcohol and drug programs were told traditionally that if they wanted to do any more than what they are doing, and if there is any real hope of using funds, if there is any possibility of matching existing state or federal funds, they have to do it themselves, and they did a pretty good job. They negotiated cooperation with the Nebraska Liquor and Beer Dealers Association about \$13.1 million. That is doing a pretty good job, a very good job indeed. What we are asking for with this amendment is simply this, to use about \$600,000 from the Department of Institutions' budget, \$300,000 going to alcoholism programs, drug programs, and 300,000 going to mental health, and also using in addition to that with match