

SENATOR SMITH: Is this what you thought you were doing when you asked to have the \$600 removed, \$600,000 removed that Senator Nelson was assured would be there for the two programs.

SENATOR LYNCH: Well, there is a \$1,900,000 available to the state as the result of 280. We attempted to recover 600,000 which was the intent of 280. It happens to be that that has to be recovered from the Department of Institutions budget because they are the one...that is the budget deals with mental health and also alcoholism and drug programs.

SENATOR SMITH: So I guess what I am seeing here is it looks to me like the money that is there, basically, was promised to Senator Nelson and you are requesting that funding and they are now saying...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR SMITH: ...that we are going to have to get rid of programs to get the funding?

SENATOR LYNCH: I guess so.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, please.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I am going to offer to amend the amendment that is up there of Senator Lynch and myself and I realize it is a difficult way to go but I think it is the straight-up, honest, hard-hitting way, and my amendment which the fiscal staff with Senator Warner or back there near Senator Warner is preparing we will get it up here in a minute. Let me explain very simply the situation and then what the amendment is going to do. 280A we attempted to override. 280A had the honest to goodness money for community mental health. The money was stolen, so to speak. By stolen I mean somebody had more votes, through a veto the money was taken away. The DeCamp, correction, the Lynch-DeCamp amendment attempts to correct the sin by stealing it back from somebody else. That is what it does. My amendment says, okay, I won't steal it. I will appropriate it straight up out of the general fund, 300,000, 300,000, exactly what was promised. Now I would tell you this, and I think Senator Warner and I hope he will talk on