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retarded kids, serving 15 of those at \$80,000 a year. Give this some thought. I know none of you are listening much, but give it some thought anyhow. In Region 3 the average cost is about \$11,000 to serve a kid. Assuming that these are very severely and serious problems to serve, and it costs three times that much, you could still save \$750,000 out of the DPI budget and let those people be served in the regional program as well. As far as Region 5 is concerned, the Lincoln Regional, if you spend \$30,000 apiece, you can almost buy a house and staff it 24 hours a day with people and save almost \$900,000 a year. I think it is worthy of consideration because of that comparison of how community programs work to consider this sense of fair play. I hope you would seriously consider it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins. Can we have order in the Chamber, please. (Gavel.) Listen to the speaker.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, I move we adjourn.

PRESIDENT: The motion is not debatable. The question is, shall we adjourn? All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Motion carries. We are adjourned.

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