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Okay, Mr. President, on LB 722 when we last discussed it there was pending a motion to reconsider by Senator Harris. Senator Harris had moved to reconsider the vote on the Lynch-DeCamp amendment. The Lynch-DeCamp amendment is on page 2302 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I turn my time over to Senator Lynch.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, I'll take as little time as possible. If it weren't important, I guess some of us wouldn't be seriously attempting what we are today. But to quickly remind you this will be the third time and hopefully the last. The Appropriations Committee told a group of people, namely those dealing in alcoholism and drug community programs and also mental health community programs that it would be difficult to find any general fund money so do what you can to help yourself. The Revenue Committee told them the same thing. And they assumed that with 280 passing there would be no reason to even discuss the need to raise general funds money to support these programs. People did good work working with the Beer and Liquor Dealers Association. They did raise in eight months of this year almost \$2 million. They are simply requesting that 600,000 of that, 300,000 to local drug and alcohol programs and 300,000 to community mental health programs will be forthcoming. The way the bill is amended by Senator DeCamp, as you know, it will now come off the top and be additional revenues. However, please remember nine months worth of money amounts to almost \$2 million. So we are not adding anything. We are just getting a share back for I think the purpose that it was intended in LB 280. Remember this also that the institution programs have gone from a population of people served from 3,440 since '81-82 down to 3,151, yet have witnessed and have had the good fortune of receiving a 33.7 percent increase over that same period of time. Local community alcohol and drug programs have seen a 17 percent increase. They are serving almost 18,500 people. Community mental health programs are serving 14,600 people. There is an awful lot of people being served with this