

money. A lot more people can be hurt than helped by not providing these kinds of funds. And the real possibility exists that you will be simply tripping over dollars saving pennies. Rather than dealing with people that are costing just a few thousand dollars a year to serve in a community program, you could be talking about developing a circumstance where you are going to be spending 78 to 80,000 dollars a person warehousing them in a state institution. It just makes good sense, hopefully, and in the sense of fair play and I think to be completely realistic about what we should do, hopefully you would favorably consider this amendment that would return in additional tax...in additional revenues to local community alcohol and drug programs 300,000 and to mental health local community programs 300,000. Hopefully, you will seriously consider this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Remmers, please.

SENATOR REMMERS: No, not on this one. Not on this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Is your light stuck? Oh, okay. Was that your closing, Senator Lynch and Senator Harris? There are none. Senator Lynch, would you say that again? You were turned off.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President, if there are no other lights, I think it has already been debated sufficiently unless Senator DeCamp will want to add something.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay.

SENATOR LYNCH: I would hope...hope I could do this actually. You know, though I have talked to some people on the floor, in the way of closing would I have some time for that?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Well, Senator Nelson's light has come on. If you would hold up, we will let her talk and then you may close.

SENATOR LYNCH: Okay.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Nelson.