

you start talking about institutions you start talking about federal guidelines, and Medicaid, and medical things which are not required of community based programs. To apply either one of these cost models to the other situation is incompatible, it does not work. It will skew the results just like you have put out questionnaires and framed the questions so that you get the answer back that you want and this will not work. I, too, agree that the funding at Region 6 is a frustration to many of us because it seems to be out of balance with the other. But the part that I do not like is the fact that he is asking for these cost models to be applied to both situations and that will not work. You do not have depreciation in community based programs like institutions have. In community based programs the community is providing a lot of the services to the clients that the institutions must provide on their own. The institutions cannot tap into the community based services, the programs that the community offers to all of its citizens as well as community based programs. So it is...the cost models just do not work. I feel the frustration that these same people are expressing, but I do not think it will work, so I ask you to oppose it. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Nelson is next. But may I draw your attention to the fact that the agenda for tomorrow is out in the hall. I want to specifically draw your attention to the fact that we start at eight o'clock in the morning. I knew you'd be happy to hear that. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I have to admit this caught me by somewhat of a surprise. I have, I think, been in on some of this funding and so on of the various regions. I certainly don't profess to be an expert in any of it. I have heard when I questioned this very thing, and I've questioned it over and over, why the Region 5 and 6 were in no particular problems, or not as much in funding and so on. I was told that this started back four or five years ago. Of course, I'm speaking for my region, Region 3. They were very conservative when their original budget was set up and then, based on increases and so on, the Region 5 and 6 budgets grew very rapid.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Nelson, may I interrupt you, please. (Gavel.) Ladies and gentlemen, I guess it's all gentlemen. (Gavel.) Gentlemen, please listen to the lady.