

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I urge that you vote against this thieving amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hannibal, please.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: (Response inaudible.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Conway, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR CONWAY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I think, as Senator DeCamp pointed out or as Senator Higgins pointed out, yes, we are stealing \$100,000 from Region 6. We happen to, and I guess I'm here in part to defend my honor and taking down a few notes relative to what is really going on. We know that, in time of tight fiscal constraint and watching the budget debate today, there will not be new money put into the mental retardation activity. We happen to value the mentally retarded people needing services in northeast Nebraska just as much as Senator Higgins and the rest. I think it boils down, in some cases, in terms of when you start looking at the information, and Senator Morehead started talking about the manipulation of statistics and so forth. Now these charts do follow different situations. The one that Senator Lynch passed out, that in itself depicts...and let's say that is the valid figure. You'll see that they are spending \$12,137 per and Region 4 is spending \$9,822 per. Their own figures also show what appears to be a rather gross discrepancy between the dollars that are there. The chart that I passed out and that information is the amount of money spent on full range services to a client. If you look at a client that is getting full range services, because Omaha has a lot of partial, part-time types of care and therefore are going to bring their costs down if you use total, average clientele,