

most of the clientele that we have in Region 4, in most cases, are resident, very heavy in the residential area because of the geographics from community to community. So it's much heavier in the residential activity. I think you need to look at the sum of the monies that are being spent in Region 6 when you start looking at who is getting the benefit. I think that if this does not go through, we are probably going to lose about two of our area programs by virtue of the fact that the Fair Labor Standards Act came down and we were getting away with spending considerably less on personnel out in Region 4 than in Region 6 for various reasons. One is that a lot of our people in residential care were being paid less than minimum wage. Now that we have to meet that minimum wage we are going to be very dearly restricting the amount of services that are going to be given to the mentally retarded in Region 4. Like I say, I happen to value the needs of those people every bit as those in Omaha. If there is any slack in the system, and I think if this does not go through, then I think we ought to spend some definite time in looking at the costing mechanism because I think when we get done with the costing mechanism Region 6 is going to be happy to give up \$100,000 instead of the amount of money that I think it is ultimately going to be costing that region and shift to the other regions when we really look at the amounts of money that are being spent in that area. I'm not using the Touche-Ross cost model because the Touche-Ross model, from the information had, would cost Region 6 about \$1 million. I'm asking for \$100,000, assuming that if they've got somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1 million, 10 percent of that is probably a fair request if it is going to mentally retarded people. You know, we don't have territorial ownership rights when it comes to these regions. I think that the people in Region 4 deserve as much of the benefit that we find in Region 6. So, with that, I'm going to give the remainder of my time over to Senator DeCamp.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Conway-steal...I mean the Conway amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

Clerk: 10 ayes, 27 nays on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The amendment fails. What do you have next, Mr. Clerk? (Gavel.)