

Mansion last Saturday morning, he invited in the members of all six regions within the state on substance abuse and mental health. Also invited was the leaders of the alcoholism council, various other people interested in mental health, mental retardation and so on. It was a very fine group across from the entire state. The Governor increased the funding that will be available this year for...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me a minute (gavel). Ladies and gentlemen in the middle of the floor, Senator Pirsch, Senator Lundy, may I have your attention, please. We cannot hear the lady speaking and I'm sure you would not like that to happen to you. So lets let Senator Nelson have the floor. Thank you.

SENATOR NELSON: The Governor increased the funding from the federal grant from \$500,000 to \$750,000. I think this is very good news for all of us that have worked on this very hard and that have an interest in the mental health and the alcohol and drug abuse programs. From this, and his statement was, as you know there was \$800,000 plus in this federal money. Next year, hopefully, due to the increased funding in LB 280A and hopefully our budget doesn't look quite as bad as it does today and I think the Governor realized the good that these programs are doing and the need that next year he can also see fit to increase that budget for these programs. That will be split on the same basis as it has before. 60 percent for substance abuse and 40 percent for mental health, and that gives \$450,000 for substance abuse and \$300,000 and it is the very same split on the regions percentagewise as we have had before. If someone wants to know what the spread is I have it available.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, thank you very much.

SENATOR NELSON: Thanks a lot.

SPEAKER NICHOL: LR 268, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LR 268 is introduced by Senators Hall and Labeledz. It is found on page 2297 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hall.