

to those people. And those people are beginning to respond to a different type of program. Boy, I just think that is wonderful. It makes me proud to be able to serve on something like this and to see this happen. I visited with some parents who come to this ethics committee. They are leading their child astray, not knowingly, they don't even know it. And you can lead them in the right direction. I think this is good and this needs to be done. So, I can emphasize that this program is good, yet we are trying to erode upon it. I do appreciate what the Appropriations Committee has done. They did not cut the whole program, and I think one of the few that they didn't cut completely. I appreciate that. But the program is so immense that I have to beg for this, I just have to. I can't help myself, even though I did appreciate what they've done, and I want them to know that. But it still...it is hurting. It is something that we gained at the regular session, and I was proud of it. I felt that it was something we were doing in the right direction because there are people out there. I know that we have served, in the last two years, taken from...and even in Region V, I think it was 70 a year ago, and 53 in this fiscal year of people who are on the waiting list. This is good. This is what it should be. But now we are cutting it back. That really bothers me. Who are we going to cut? I could imagine those that are just about out, like my son who is just out there starting to get into a program that is really something, and then they will stop giving him assistance and there will be a problem. I'm not worried about my son, but I'm worried about a lot of others. These are the type of things that we've got to consider. I just can't understand why we think this cut has to be because we need to cut everything. Yet, when we can save money I know that a lot of you look at me as a liberal, but, really, I'm a conservative. I really am a conservative. If you look at my operation out there, you'll know I'm a conservative. But I spend money where I think it needs to be spent. I think I'm a successful farmer, and that is the only way you can do it today, I know. I think that is the way the Legislature should operate. I ask you to support the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you, Senator Sieck. The question is the adoption of the Sieck amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk. Record vote has been asked for.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 40 of the Legislative Journal.) 20 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.