

Legislature, in doing something about this now. These are big ticket budget items. So, as I sit here listening to a reduction of 300,000 for MR, I can't understand it because there is indeed no crisis, and, in fact, there is no justification for those cuts. I would ask your support for this amendment. It would implement this kind of information into our budget process for 1987 and 1988.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, members, Senator Lynch, a question, if you would.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Lynch, would you respond to a question, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, sir.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Lynch, my understanding of your amendment is that it only mandates that DPI and DSS provide additional budget requests based on the Touche-Ross model.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes.

SENATOR HALL: So, in addition to the wish list, and the 95 percent budget that they are normally requested by the Appropriations Committee, this would be a third budget that they would put together and then submit to the Appropriations Committee?

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, based on the Touche-Ross report of '83, Tim, as compared to '84 which was supposed to be local program oriented.

SENATOR HALL: It does nothing more than that?

SENATOR LYNCH: No, actually we developed this Touche-Ross report and never implemented it, and as I explained at the time because of concern the concern for the cap, but that cap no longer exists. I certainly don't...

SENATOR HALL: The amendment itself, the way I read the amendment, it does not require any implementation at all, it just offers it as an informational vehicle for the Appropriations Committee.