

committee recommendations from the Appropriations Committee. I would like to remind you that the committee recommendations means a 12.39 percent reduction for Region 1, a 12.92 percent reduction for Region 2, a 10.29 percent reduction for Region 3, a 16.72 percent reduction for 4, a 46.69 percent reduction for 5, and an 80.23 reduction for Region 6. The Appropriations Committee apparently used as a base the base dollars to justify the 1.5 percent reductions and the 1.06 reduction for Region 6. I guess the principle of my amendment is simply one of fairness and equity. Based on the Sieck amendment which developed a number of increases for regions totalling...excuse me a minute, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, my apologies to you and the body. Laurie is out of breath. I wasn't sure which one of the amendments you had on before. The one you have is the Touche-Ross, model 722. I apologize. Everything I said, remember I will probably repeat it later for this amendment. But the one you have before you...now relax, take a breath, had to do with the Touche...implementing the Touche-Ross 1984 model for staff ratio to clients in Beatrice that now applies to local areas and programs. I, at this time, feel that I probably should withdraw that and I will explain why. Simply because yesterday you were gracious enough to approve of my suggestion about a procedure on January 23rd next year for the Department of Institutions to submit a budget based on the Department of Institutions' 1983 Touche-Ross report which will give us enough information, not just the Appropriations Committee but the body as well, to better understand staff ratios to clients, the studies and also the net result of those studies as it applies to local programs and reductions. So I feel that this amendment probably would only complicate that effort and it does, in a sense, the same thing but is even more difficult to understand. So I will respectfully withdraw that and apologize to you and the body.

SENATOR CARSTEN: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator DeCamp. Senator, this is the University of Nebraska Medical Center amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, some people, including the Governor, think I have been a bit obnoxious this special session and I think they may even have the attitude that I have no right to "be obnoxious". The point I have been trying to make at this