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Journal.) 28 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Korshoj amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Korshoj amendment is adopted. Anything further on it, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, I do.

PRESIDENT: The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lynch would move to amend. Senator, I understand you'd like to withdraw the amendment you had printed and substitute, is that correct?

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Any objection? So ordered. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, we discussed the amendment previously regarding MR funds for the five regions. I did develop an amendment that I withdrew that provided money to take, at \$16,000 a piece, the kids off the waiting list in Region VI, but that is 6 million bucks. Obviously, that is difficult and even impossible to even consider. But, however, I do have an amendment that I'd appreciate your allowing me to substitute with, and it provides for \$1,346,181 for Region VI. Region VI involves Washington County, Cass County, Sarpy County, Douglas County and Dodge County. I have to tell you, I heard one of the most moving and compassionate closing remarks by Senator Coordsen as I've heard on the floor, and I think you all remember it, and it made sense. But I also want to try to remind you that...that I would hope you would recognize that in Region VI, when we did only what we could afford to do with the waiver money we had, which was in fact when I asked all those questions that no one was able to answer. In Region VI we did take 36 kids off the waiting list without running a deficit. Region V I understand, took 50 off. I'm not sure how many they have left, but we still don't have the answer to those three very basic and important questions. But I thought that given those kinds of statements and compassionate closing by Senator Coordsen, and for those of you that voted for that amendment, that you wouldn't change with this amendment. You would have the same...that same kind of compassion and understanding for those people that need it in Washington, Cass, Sarpy, Douglas and Dodge County as well as for the rest of the state. I'm not

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