

going to go any further except to ask you to accept this amendment providing the funds that will allow in Region VI who again conform, I think, to the recommendations of us all the same opportunity for the kids that need the help in those five counties as you've offered all of the rest of those kids in all of the rest of the counties in the state. I'd ask for your support for this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hannibal, please.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President and members, I would like to...I'd like to ask Senator Lynch a question if he would respond.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Lynch, I'm sorry I was talking with another senator. I didn't hear the reason for the dollar amount.

SENATOR LYNCH: The reason for the dollar amount is an equal amount to Region V which provides about 80 percent of the services and to about 80 percent of the people that Region VI provides. Without equating, and in effect, I probably could even more money. I just took the exact amount that Region V would get with the Coordsen amendment so that we could offer at least the same services that were expanded by Region V to the same amount of kids, at least, or fewer amount of kids in Region VI that they had the opportunity or did, in fact, accomplish by simply putting them on the program for whatever reason. Because they thought they had the money or didn't have the money is no excuse or reason, just give us the same opportunity they have.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Okay, thank you. I certainly understand Senator Lynch's, I suppose we'd call it sense of fairness or a little frustration, because of the amendment that did pass that had no additional funds for Region VI. As a matter of fact I would probably offer to Senator Lynch that if he were really going to try to do what he would think would be more equitable, that he would up that request by about \$100,000 so that the proportions would be proper as far as distribution with the present aid right now to the regions. That would...that would represent the proper proportion if you were going to use Region V as the bench mark. But I still will have to rise and oppose the amendment for all of the reasons that we stated