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the Journal Clerk's office. We won't process it today anyway until it is printed, so....

SENATOR KOCH: The amount is six hundred and some odd thousand dollars, as I recall, however, I would like to point this out to you, that 305,000 plus of that dollar would be a transfer from the Department of Education to the DPI institution. So what you are really looking at is a cost of approximately \$383,510. That would be to the regions and this would be for residential costs and the amount would be for Region 1 in Scottsbluff, \$76,000; Region 2, South Central, \$11,000; for Region 3, Hastings and Grand Island area and Kearney area, \$8000; Region 4 which is Wayne in northeast Nebraska, \$211,000; for Lincoln, Region 5, \$56,000; for Omaha, Region 6, approximately a little over \$19,000. That is where that amount comes from. And, of course, presently if we do not do this, then the schools would be responsible for that amount. I believe the schools are under enough attack for their costs without adding residential care to the cost of educating a child. I know that residence has a considerable amount to do with learning. However, with this kind of condition, it would appear to me that since we have relieved Beatrice and the state institutions for years and took care of these kinds of problems at state cost, it is not unreasonable for us to say that the mental retardation regions shall pick up some residential costs where in the best interests of the child that environment is most equitable. So I am suggesting then that we treat the regions with this amount of money. This figure was brought to me this morning by a member of the fiscal office and I think it is appropriate. These, then, figures would be state funds, would not be charged back to the schools and I would hope that you would accept this as a reasonable state fund program for the regional offices in carrying out their role and mission. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we proceed, I assume that you have already heard the news, but I will repeat it, that President Reagan was coming out of a hotel following his speech, shot at, wasn't hit but his Press Secretary was shot in the head, and a Secret Service man and a policeman also were hit. President Reagan is on his way to the hospital to be with Mr. Brady who is the Press Secretary. Okay, there is an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, first of all, Senator Lamb had an amendment on page 1079 he wishes to withdraw, and in lieu thereof I have an amendment from Senator Lamb to the bill that is on page 1174 of the Journal.