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Connie Robinson is the teacher, and they have seven sponsors. Would you folks please stand up and be recognized by your Legislature. Thank you for coming. Now would you please all record your presence so we can have a count here? Senator Goll, would you record your presence. Senator Cope. Senator Duda. Senator Landis, Senator Duda. Three are excused. We are looking for Senators Kremer, Labedz and Chambers. Senator Howard Peterson, did you wish to proceed or shall we wait for the other three? Senators Kremer, Labedz and Chambers.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: No. Let's go ahead.

SENATOR NICHOL: Proceed, Mr. Clerk. Roll call vote.

CLERK: (Read the roll call vote as found on page 1590 of the Legislative Journal.) 23 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: The amendment is not adopted. The next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators, Marsh, Rumery, Fowler and Warner would now move to amend the bill.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Marsh, are you going to take this?

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is Request #2923 which was passed out to you previously this afternoon. This has to do with the level of funding for the regional...the six regional regions in the regional community mental health for mental retardation areas. The increase....there are no new dollars. This is earmarking \$393,000 of the \$500,000 to the Department of Public Institutions Program 035 and it redistributes these dollars among the regions. It distributes to some extent the increases recommended to help with the designations as you recall the amendment which was adopted previously introduced by myself and Senator Hefner which allows the private providers of services to have dollars available to allow them to take some of the community's waiting list. These dollars would be earmarked and the figures are increases of 3.75 for Regions 1, 2, 5 and 6. Region 3 which has been seriously underfunded would increase 10 percent from their current state dollars being expended, and Region 4 would increase 12 percent over their current expenditure of state dollars. I move for the adoption of this amendment. I would like to tell you that the Department of Public Institutions told Senator Hefner that the \$250,000 left in the current year's budget that