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to the various regions if these retarded person are on the waiting list and they take them into their facility. I feel that now is not the time to take this \$397,000 out of this particular fund. I think that we need to keep it all in it. I am real surprised that the Appropriations Committee is making this move and I would appreciate if more of them would talk on this issue.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, may I ask a question of Senator Marsh, please?

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Marsh, would you respond, please?

SENATOR MARSH: I would be glad to. Thank you.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Marsh, as I understand it, this does not increase the budget. Is that correct?

SENATOR MARSH: That is correct, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: This does not decrease the budget?

SENATOR MARSH: It does not decrease the budget.

SENATOR HABERMAN: This merely just shifts some of the funds around so they are more equal?

SENATOR MARSH: That is right. It still leaves....

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Senator Marsh. I rise to support this amendment as there is one region that is reduced .12 percent, one region increased 14 percent, another region increased 11 percent, and I don't think this is right nor fair that you should reduce somebody a minus .12 and increase somebody a plus 14. And this is merely a shifting of funds. If this is not passed, there will be a region closed. There will be no mental retardation center for a two-county region. So I would ask that you follow the lead of the senators and Senator Marsh and shift these funds to make it more fair and equitable. I am sure that they have thought about Senator Hefner's problem and that it can be worked out and I would like to ask you to support this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Question.