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wondering how close we were to that target and if we were going to continue to maintain that which is there. Thank you very much.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise in support of this amendment and let me note at the outset that my understanding is that a majority of the members of the Appropriations Committee are sponsoring this amendment. Let me tell you a little bit about the situation we have in Omaha with Region 6 community service organization. Under the Appropriations Committee bill as currently written, Region 6 gets two hundredths of one percent increase in their budget. Now at level Region 6 is going to have to lay off staff and Region 6 is not going to be able to serve as many clients in the next fiscal year as they have in the previous fiscal year. Now it seems to me to be mistaken to appropriate money to continue to move people out of Beatrice, a half a million dollars in this instance, when at the same time we are cutting back the services that regions can provide to those people that have already been moved out of Beatrice. Now Senator Hefner referred to the court order and the obligation the state has to move people out of Beatrice. Well the state also has an obligation under the court order to take care of people that are already moved out of Beatrice. Indeed our first obligation it seems to me is to adequately take care of the people that are there. Now as far as Region 6 is concerned, if this amendment is adopted Region 6 will have an increase of 3.75 percent in their appropriations for the next fiscal year which will barely enable them to hold even, barely enable them to continue to take care of people that have already been moved out. I think it makes sense to continue in times of revenue shortages to take care of the people that are moved out adequately before we try and pile additional people onto the region. So I would urge you to support this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, this amendment is rather frustrating to me because it spells out the number of dollars that goes to the community programs. Now part of what they are wanting to do in this amendment I buy because I think the language that spells out and gives the priority to removing residents from the Beatrice Developmental Center, that portion is needed, striking that language. I think that DPI should be left with the