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and present your facts at this time. I don't feel that Region IV can stand to lose \$14,000 any more than your region can. And if you want to bypass the Appropriations Committee, well so be it, but I think we are doing the wrong thing here and I would urge you to vote against this amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, Senator Haberman, at one time, Senator Haberman, at one time you said you would take it from Region III and IV and another time from IV and V. It really doesn't make any difference, but as far as Region III is concerned it is the most underfinanced and I think that the Appropriations Committee will tell you that. It is beginning to be built back some but they can ill afford or I think the others. We have worked hard on Appropriations to try and get it somewhat balanced and I certainly would ask people to vote against it.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Haberman, I guess you can close.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I hate to see Senator Dworak put a dollar figure on seven people that need help, and that is what he has done. I hate to think what is going to happen to those seven people that need help when they study this issue this summer. And when they say that these regions can ill afford to lose the money, one region has a fund balance of \$1,128,000 and I am asking for \$14,000. The other one has a fund balance of \$18,000 (sic) and I am asking for \$14,000. One district, Senator Dworak's district, got a 14.63 percent increase. They decreased mine, minus point 12. Now if you call that fair, I will go along with you. So all I am asking is for \$28,000 to keep a mental retardation center open, then after the study if things come out different, fine. But I am ashamed of you two fellows to try to close this center for \$28,000 and I didn't know you were going to do this in Appropriations or I would have been there, Senator Hefner, and brought this up. Thank you very much, Mr. President. I would like to ask for your vote.

SENATOR NICHOL: The question is, shall the Haberman amendment be adopted? All those in favor signify by voting aye, opposed the same sign...opposed no. Have you all voted? Still 15 excused.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting yes. Senator Haberman requests record vote, Mr. President. (Read the record vote as found on page 1602 of the Legislative Journal.) 13 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.