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amendment and a copy of the amendment itself. It has not been initialed is the reason I ask that unanimous consent.

SENATOR CLARK: Pass it out.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Senator Hefner should be receiving his copy shortly. Now this is different than the proposal that was presented on Select File. Now with respect to Region 6, the region that services Douglas County and other counties in our area, the current budgetary increase is so minimal that it is going to be impossible for that region to, number one, maintain its current level of employees, and, number two, to adequately service all of the clients that it is presently serving. So it seems to a number of us that are cosponsoring this amendment, Senator Warner and Senator Goodrich and Senator Vickers and Senator Vard Johnson, and others of us, Senator Marsh and Senator Rumery, that are cosponsoring this, that we should first put the funds where the clients are currently under care in the various regions rather than using the funds to move people off of the waiting lists or out of Beatrice into the regions in circumstances where the regions are having a difficult enough problem right now serving the clients they presently have. This sheet that has just been passed out I think quite thoroughly shows the fiscal impact that this amendment will have. It does not add any new funds to the budget. It simply makes the change in priorities that I suggested, that a number of us think are appropriate. I would be pleased to attempt to answer any questions as would the other cosponsors of this amendment and we would ask, Mr. President, that the bill be returned for purposes of this specific amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to have the clerk read the cosponsors or the sponsors of this amendment. I received a sheet but it doesn't have any names on. Who is on the amendment besides Senator Hoagland?

SENATOR CLARK: Could you tell him? Go ahead.

CLERK: Yes, Senator. Mr. President, Senators Hoagland, Marsh, Warner, Rumery, Goodrich, Vard Johnson, Vickers, and Haberman.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you. I oppose this amendment. This is practically the same amendment that we had the other day, I think it was last Thursday, on Select File, and I would like to have a ruling from the Chair. Isn't this a