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for Title XX to go to the regions. Under the Governor's veto he struck the earmarked language in the Department of Welfare which administrates the program and as a result of that veto you could argue that the money still might go to it but it would not be earmarked to be used for that purpose. If you look at the sheets and I am sure some of you have seen them, the percentage of adjustments that most of the regions have in their budgets are exceedingly small or almost in some cases a reduction from the current year if they wouldn't get the full Title XX allotment and I think that historically the Legislature has recognized the importance of this program, the service it provides to a great many citizens across the state, and I would assume that you would be willing to vote for this increase of \$176,000 of what the Governor vetoed.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Landis. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, could I ask Senator Warner a question, please? Senator Warner, if we support your override, do the funds that were originally designated for the program that Senator Wesely and I originated last year and are now just dumped in the Department of Welfare, are they returned to that specific program?

SENATOR WARNER: That is the next motion I think you are thinking about, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator Warner, I wasn't sure which motion included those funds. I still support Senator Warner's motion to override the Governor's veto for the Mental Retardation fund. It is not a significant amount of money. We have, certainly have the resources to take care of those people who need these funds. They have been severely rescinded in the past and I think that the least we can do is to support the Appropriations Committee in their override on this program.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, I also rise to support Senator Warner. We need to keep these programs outstate working. I think they have done a good job even in spite of the way they were organized and how we have handled them. I think if we do not continue to support them, at least in a degree that they can continue to operate, it is going to come back to haunt us and we are going to have these people back in institutions all over again as we once had. So I hope you will support Senator Warner in this endeavor no matter what else you do here this evening.

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