

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, I'd like to go on record in support of this. And I also would like to comment that I support Senator Wesely's comments to the effect that next year we're going to have to readdress this again. But then, beyond that, I want to establish some legislative intent with Senator Hannibal, if he would yield to a question, please. My question being, for example, you know if we've got Region 5 taken care of in their \$300,000; we got this money coming in on a second year deal, which I'm curious to know and I want to establish, it's my understanding that it's for Region 4 and 6 to bail out their problems. And then next year is when we'll have to come in and try to pick up Region 3, assuming that they want to cooperate, that sort of thing.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Goodrich, yes that is essentially correct. As you know, the department director will be making the decisions as to exactly where to place these funds. Those decisions are based on where the regions stand presently with their planning process, and where the highest need is...has been demonstrated. It's our understanding that the original...the initial \$300,000 would likely or highly probably go to Regions 1 and 2, because they are well on their way with planning processes towards implementing that level of funding. The additional \$300,000 now that we're asking for in '90-91, would be designated for Regions 4 and 6. Region 4 is presently under negotiations with some facilities up in the Norfolk area, I believe. Then Region 6 has a relatively small amount of funds already in their budget, and this would augment theirs, based on the need that is there. I can't say for sure, I can't say it's the intent of the Legislature, but it's highly probable, according to the director, that the additional 300,000 would go to Regions 4 and 6.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Thank you very much. I just want to make darn sure we get that in the record, number one. But, number two is the fact that we do have a tremendous problem in Region 6 and also in Region 4, and that we've got to kind of jointly work out this problem so that Region 4 and 6 can cooperate with each other in the solution to that problem. I thank you very much.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chizek announces some guests in the north balcony that are just leaving apparently, 60 fourth graders from Morton Elementary School in Omaha. Would