

year, starting July 1, 1990-91, starting this coming July, the new year, the second half of our biennium, and we have added an additional...all those things that we have added that I just mentioned are carried forward, they're part of the base, that \$2,700,000 of additional funds, that's carried over. On top of that, we have today and with the bill last year added an additional \$672,000 for provisions of waiting list clients and existing clients, or however you want to look at it, and we have an additional \$1,900,000 coming in in new Medicaid waiver funds, federal funds that will go...all we have to do to secure that is to get...keep the same list of Medicaid waiver eligible clients that we have right now of 670 clients. So that's...that's an additional \$2,572,000. That, over last year, remember we added 8 percent this year we're in, now we're going to add an additional 7 percent for the year coming up.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: What Senator Coordsen is suggesting is we add an additional, on top of that, \$2 million.. \$2.25 million, which would be for this year alone a 13 percent increase, 13.29, to be exact, increase over the current year that we're in. It's \$2 million. If you want to do it, you certainly can. We have a lot of other needs. We have a lot of other interests, you all have. My feeling is that while there is always a place for more funds in a lot of these programs, we have been generous to these people, we have not asked them to cut services to existing clients. We can get along with the funds that we're providing. I would recommend that you reject the amendment, notwithstanding the fact that it could go towards very meritorious things.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore. Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members, I would echo some of the concerns Senator Hannibal has raised and suggest that the body not support the Coordsen amendment. This is despite the fact that I have, over the years, been very supportive of mental retardation services and recognize the great need of these individuals in the state. There are a couple of problems, however, with what's being proposed and I would like to discuss that just briefly, first off, part of the language in this amendment, the lead specific language added by the Appropriations Committee to get a better handle over the problems that we had that led to this shortfall in funds. You know, what we had was a communication problem. Senator Hannibal