

innocents who cannot come down here and say, help me. So I hope that all of you will support this particular amendment. I have my priorities, I have a priority bill from the first session of this Legislature and one of those people who are hurting so badly in that particular thing has an adult handicapped child that his savings were put away to take care of that child when he was no longer here. So for me, those two couple, this amendment and my priority bill go together. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schimek, followed by Senators Rogers and Coordsen.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body, I am not going to speak at length this afternoon because I gave a rather impassioned plea yesterday afternoon that we provide these funds at this time. But I have to come back to you today and say, even though I still do believe that...I, for the record, want to say that I think that the Appropriations Committee did do a really thorough investigation of this and I'm...and I'm sure they had the same problems that I'm having in justifying this further expenditure, but there is enough data in my mind about these services being provided, at least in Region V and LOMAR, that I'm going to go ahead and vote for this funding. But I'm going to do it with the hopes that the interim study resolution which I think will be introduced eventually this session will be comprehensive in scope, that it will look at a lot of the problems, not just the funding problems, but the other kinds of problems that I've heard described both on and off the floor and I've heard...I've heard enough rumors to really give me pause about some of the programs and some of the things that are happening out there. So I would just conclude by saying that if you've any doubt about what is going on here, that maybe the right thing to do this time is to go ahead and do this, but say never again. We're not going to come back and continually do this, but on the basis that we have some doubts that services will continue if we don't fund this time, to do it this year, but to have that thorough examination of the whole system this summer, and I don't just mean the funding part. I mean kind of an investigative kind of study that goes out in the field and really looks at some of these alleged problems and they may all be pure speculation or rumors for all I know, but I do think that is one thing that we need to consider. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Rogers.