

13 percent; Region 5, 25.75 percent, and Region 6, 27.63. What this three hundred and, whatever it was, forty-five thousand dollars was for, as we discussed in committee was simply to bring Region 6 up to that twenty-six point...27.6 percent and puts all of the regions on a level playing field. Region 6 has never been up with all of the other regions. I want to explain to you that the other appropriations override for retardation was money and is money that would be distributed proportion...in proportion, as I described, to all of the regions, including Region 6. The reason I stand up and ask you to do this, I'm going to withdraw a couple that I have that are costly, but this one I am serious on, is because the way we approach how we handle and manage the system for MR particular in the state. You know, I already told you quickly and I want to do it early about how I feel about the system and how we don't know much about 95 percent of what we spend. This is a good example of that. For example, the Governor did not veto any money out of the Beatrice budget. Listen to this, this is interesting. They get 24,298,000 bucks to take care of 464 people. Now they, in proportion, have no more or no less kids and people of severe need than those people in local programs, yet the local programs who spend...and, by the way, an institution at Beatrice, it cost us \$52,368 a year per client. I'm not kicking about that. And the people that work there have tough jobs and they deserve what they get. People that work in our local programs get anywhere from 20 to 60 percent less than that, if you can believe it. They take care of 464 people at Beatrice for that \$24,000 at 52,000 a piece. In the local programs, we take care of 2,679 people, including the private programs, for \$16,416, yet he vetoed out the money that came to the local programs and in this particular case to Region 6. It's my intention to ask for your support for this particular override for those reasons without going into a lot of detail. It's a simple thing, as I've already explained, but I'm not too smart so I hope you understood what I said and understand that there will be another veto override on another bill to follow. Try to answer any questions you might have and I would ask for your support, please, to bring all of the regions to a fair and equitable proportion as we prescribed in the law back in 1990.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam President and members, from my viewpoint, this is perhaps one that the Appropriations Committee