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do not bolster our services that we have that we indeed could be also one of those that could be served with notice and a suit filed. We have providers who are very willing to provide services, but they just cannot continue if there is not reimbursement for those services. Then where do we go? This override would put \$2 million into the budget, as was presented to you, and I would just urge for its adoption and just ask that you would support these mental health providers in this very important issue. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. Senator Suttle.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Could we have a roll call vote in reverse order, please?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the motion to override. Mr. Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 1513.) 43 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the override of that particular line item.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The motion to override is successful. The call is raised. Mr. Clerk, the next motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Jensen would move to override the Governor's line-item veto with respect to Region VI hospital reimbursement.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jensen, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. And Senator Lynch told you a lot about this particular issue. He actually thought that we had both those together in one amendment and they're separately. He is absolutely correct, Nebraska is 49th in spending on community mental health, and we do have a very serious mental health crisis in the Omaha area. We've had a reduction from 357 beds to 131 in the last decade. The stay in the psychiatric crisis senator (sic--center) has increased from 10.68 hours in '97-98 to 18.64 hours in the first quarter of '99-2000, and the average