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counties are permitted to include their costs of administration for the regional behavioral health authority as part of their total match requirement. This is allowed to continue under LB 1083 at the request of all regions with the addition of the amendment that we passed on Select File, AM3560. That being on the record, at this time I would like to withdraw that motion. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, another motion?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Schimek and Beutler would move to return the bill to Select File for specific amendment, that being to strike the enacting clause. (FA1685, Legislative Journal page 1632.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, to open on your motion to return.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I've put the motion up in order to have a little bit of time to talk one more time about LB 1083. And for those of you who are unaware, there was an incident in Lincoln last week which was serious and scary and very upsetting to a neighborhood here in Lincoln, the Capitol Beach neighborhood, and a young boy was actually abducted by a client in a group home and he was...he was taken to a basement in that duplex where that client lived and he was stabbed. And fortunately, there was a staff member who came upon the scene and actually rescued the little boy. Senators Jensen and Beutler and I went to a meeting there on Friday night with the neighborhood and they were understandably very upset and concerned. Now, I want to say right at the outset that this incident involved a person, a resident, who had developmental disabilities and also, I believe, some substance abuse problems, so it wasn't a mental health client so that there is a distinction and a difference. But some of the same concerns, I believe, would apply were we to have people in group homes and I think that the issues that were outlined that evening are some that we ought to be thinking about as we move forward with this project. I would like to just read to you the e-mail I received from the parents of that little boy. And, incidentally, the grandmother was also at the meeting and she