

in the A bill and the total appropriation of \$4 million, will leave a tremendous amount of those people still outside the door. But at least it moves us in the direction we have to go. Senator Hillman is going to support the Moore amendment but she gives probably some of the best examples of why we should support the bill as it's currently funded. The fact of the matter is, the reality is we can't afford it at \$8 million, but we have to afford the 4 million. We can't not afford to keep the \$4 million in there. I believe that with the additional monies I understand that are being appropriated and I appreciate that, Senator Moore, but at some point we have to recognize that this kind of programming is presently critically underfunded. And the cost to us, long-term, if those lawsuits ripen into settlements, as Senator Hillman pointed out just a few of them that are out there that are pending, we could be looking at tens of millions of dollars that we're going to have to add to this budget. If it means we got to increase taxes, no problem. I've got a few of those amendments still in the drawer. They...I'm willing to do that. I'll vote on that right now if that's what we have to do. But if it means we're not going to do it until next year, I'll vote on it next year, that's fine. At this point in time the Moore amendment, the reduction to \$1 million, I think is something that we can't afford to do. We have to leave the money in there at the minimal level of \$4 million, as the Byars amendment would have us do in the A bill, and I believe that it is appropriate to do so. And I will remember that I have to think about that when it comes to overrides, I take those words to heart and I will be ready to do so. With that, again, I would urge you to oppose Senator Moore's amendment. I believe we can't afford it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you, Madam President, members. I have a question for Senator Byars, if he'd...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Certainly.

SENATOR AVERY: Yes. Your amendment here, changing that to 4 million, is that a continual 4 million, ongoing?

SENATOR BYARS: No, well, it's for a single year. If...the Appropriations Committee obviously has the option of leaving