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government, they took over primary responsibility for providing disability income and medical benefits to all Nebraskans. Prior to that time the State of Nebraska would qualify, or people would be eligible who might be disabled for a period of time less than one year. Without changing the statutes of the State of Nebraska or the law of the State of Nebraska the Welfare Department has ceased to qualify those individuals who do not meet the federal requirement which is a disability determined to exist or continue for a period of more than one year. So the Nebraska standard changed without any action of this Legislature. It was originally a standard enacted by this Legislature. Through the administrative determination of the Welfare Department we had simply ceased to qualify individuals who are found by federal standards not to be suffering from a disability that may last for a period of longer than one year. The Governor, in his own veto message, concedes that this is not a proper way to be treating these people, it is not the way the State of Nebraska has historically treated a person who comes under a disability and as a result cannot meet his financial obligations, but it's a decision solely and exclusively between the federal bureaucrats of the Welfare Administration and the State Administration of the Department of Welfare. It's one that I think is intollerable and unjustifiable. The cost here is minimal to the benefit that is conferred and to the obligation that this Legislature has to those Nebraskans who, through no fault of their own, suffer disability. That disability may not be determinable of lasting for more than a year. Now what we're saying, what the current federal standard is is that if a physician cannot determine, make a judgement that the disability will last more than a year, the person doesn't qualify. The disability may in fact be a severe one and may last for a period longer than a year. But if the original case is not capable of making that judgement then the person is not eligible and does not receive disability benefits which is income maintenance or medical benefits. I think it's a cruel way to administer the law, it's a regressive way to administer the law in the State of Nebraska and that we formerly did assume this responsibility prior to accepting the federal standard. The state should once again face that obligation. I think \$1½ million is not an excessive amount of money to the benefit and obligation that we have to these disabled Nebraskans. I move that LB 454 become law notwithstanding the action of the Governor.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. The question is the adoption of Senator Fitzgerald's amendment. Record your vote. Well the motion to override.... Have you voted? Please vote. Record. Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I'm going to ask for a roll call vote.

PRESIDENT: Call the roll.

CLERK: Senator Anderson--voting aye.  
Senator Barnett--voting aye.  
Senator Bereuter--voting aye.  
Senator Burbach--voting aye.  
Senator Burrows--voting aye.