

the document that was earlier passed out reflects that report. There are only two or three things I would like to briefly mention before taking up the two motions that the committee has voted to override, and that is that it seems that in recent days at least based on some contact I have had, phone calls, that a lot of citizens apparently do not realize that many millions of dollars have been reduced or cut from the appropriations during the course of this session and some people at least seem to believe that the last amount is the only amount that was reduced. So included in your document for your own use is the chronological order of events both on the revenue side as well as the recommended level of general fund appropriations that have occurred during the course of the session which gives you the information to answer for a lot of people exactly what the Legislature has done during the course of the session. Now under the rules we must first vote, did vote whether or not to attempt to override the entire package of vetoes submitted by the Governor, and the committee unanimously voted not to make such a motion. The next requirement then under the rules was if there was any selective, and in this case we have moved for two items that I have indicated and those two items will be taken up as separate motions, the first dealing with the adjustment of salaries for state employees, the effective date which it would take effect. The second motion will take up funding vetoes relative to community based mental retardation programs. In taking up the motion to override I would like to make a couple of points first that I think are significant. I would hope you would consider them significant. Number one, as of now based upon the votes that you have cast and assuming that the Governor will sign every A bill that has been enacted, we will set with a balanced budget based upon the projected revenues that we have been using. So the issue is not one of increasing the appropriations over and above the revenue as it currently is projected. Secondly, I would comment, it is my personal opinion that the salary adjustment essentially is one of symbolism rather than one of a necessity because of receipts to the state. Whether or not this appropriation is overridden or not the adjustment in the income tax by virtue of or because of the necessity of change in the federal tax program as we all know will occur, the half percent sales tax adjustment through the end of the year will occur whether this is overridden or not. I have passed out to you also just now a series of comparisons for salary adjustments in a variety of places including those surrounding states for the last two years, a variety of Nebraska's schools that we were able to obtain and then there are two pages which include salary policies for various...either Lincoln establishments or Omaha establishments and these were a part of the routine salary survey that