

1.5 percent lid proposal. This Legislature really faces this kind of decision. If you want to go home and tell the taxpayers of Nebraska that you have not considered their plight, those taxpayers as property taxpayers who pay 54 percent of their entire state and local tax payments to the property tax, then you should vote against the override. Even if you vote for the override, it is not an immediate property tax relief. It is not going to happen this year and the fiscal impact won't happen this year but it is at least a commitment, a commitment and a recognition that even though the money is not there this year, we believe that the money ought to be there. We do believe that they have a problem. We are cognizant of that problem and we are going to try to deal with it. Now I think it is a reasonable thing to make that kind of commitment. I have talked to you individually. This proposal is a good one. It is the only signal we are going to send this year, unfortunately, it ought to be sent now. With that in mind I urge the override of LB 809 to provide some property tax relief to the people who really need it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to explain why I cannot vote for this override and I rather suspect that my reasons are similar to what the Governor stated in his letter. A few days ago I passed out to you some of the possible impact legislation previously enacted or enacted this session on next year's session when the budget is set for next year. You will recall there was about a little over \$25 million what was identified as entitlement programs over which the next session really has no choice but to fund. Then when you add LB 13, LB 809, the incremental increase, LB 994, a couple of bills that were enacted this morning would be over another million, it would appear that when the session started next January that we would start out with nearly a \$48 million increase because of previous acts of previous Legislatures, and while the purpose may be meritorious, it seems to me that these kinds of programs ought to be implemented only in the same year that they are funded. Some of you will recall not too many years ago we enacted legislation to take over Medicaid in