

contemplating about what offices should remain open or not. The people are still there to be served, the need is growing all the time. That is not the area of the state to cut back on, Department of Social Services staff.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Before recognizing Senator Wesely, the Chair announces that while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign engrossed LB 77, LB 105, LB 129, LB 147, LB 150, LB 284 and LB 284A. Senator Wesely, for the purpose of discussing the suspension of Rule 6, Section 7, subsection (b).

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, I get the message. We're not on the subject, but I'd like to make a correction to Senator Pirsch's comments. Senator Pirsch, if you don't mind, when you talk about going from 7 million up to 142 million, of course, you get attention on it and I think you have to recognize that was not accurate information that Senator Pirsch shared. In fact, the figures are 70 some million up to the 140 million and the bulk of that has to be recognized because of the takeover of county offices. The increase in administration costs went from seven to 21 million, but most of that increase was when we took over the county offices and the state took over that function, so I certain'y would dispute the figures issued by Senator Pirsch and ask you to disregard those. I think they are inaccurate.

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I hope that we will vote to suspend the rules as is being requested by Senator Miller. The issue is serious enough to warrant it and I'm glad Senator Wesely corrected those figures so I don't have to take time doing that, but let's say that the figures might bear some semblance to the factual situation. It is something like a story told by a man a lon time ago. I used to teach Sunday School and I told the story to the little children too, but Jesus was talking to some people who were very critical of others and he said you have a beam in your eye and you want, which is a very large object, and you want to take a moat out of your brother's eye. Before you try to take the moat out of your brother's eye, remove the beam from your eye so you can see clearly how to remove this small item from your brother's eye. Then he gave a story about straining at a gnat