

she said she did not intend to have any of her staff or her pursue the issue any more on the floor and encourage people to override the veto, and we're grateful for that. She also said she hadn't talked to any of the state senators or any of the state senators' staff that encouraged her to, in fact, veto this particular legislation. We're also very grateful for that. When we left, of course, we thanked her for her understanding and mentioned the fact that we do think she has an understanding of the importance of these kinds of human services programs. I'd like to remind you that closing offices isn't a budget item once more because that space is always donated by the counties or whatever agency might provide that space and it is important for us to remember that. But the most important thing of all to remember is that there is about 7,000 people out there to be served that have to...will always continue and remain there. These are mostly old people. These are mostly kids and I think they deserve that support, and I hope that you will find it in your heart to make sure we get at least the 30 votes necessary to conform to and override this very soft veto by the Governor.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. The member from the 12th Legislative District, Senator Abboud.

**SENATOR ABOUD:** Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues. I rise to support Governor Orr's veto and so I am opposed to the motion to override LB 392. We spent a great deal of time talking about this issue. Why we should not enact LB 392 I think is obvious to everyone in this body. We are having a tough financial year again this year. The money is going to be tough to come by in April and May when we look at the budget, and I think that is what Governor Orr's message says to us. It says that when you're building a budget you build a budget one agency at a time. You look at each agency, all 93 agencies, to put together a budget. In much the same way, when you pass legislation that costs money, you are helping to build the budget. Now the amount of money involved here is not large, but what it does say to other agencies throughout the state is that if you received cuts in past special sessions, you have the opportunity to come back and lobby the Legislature one more time for the money that we cut during the past couple special sessions. I don't think that the Legislature should have to go through this process one more time. We have spent three mornings discussing LB 392 and I think that it would be a big waste of time to have to go over and over again special session cuts that we had during these past couple of sessions. Now I'd like to make one further point, in the message there has been some confusion, apparently,