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of you will vote as we did the day the bill was passed to override this reduction in this program for children. The budget will not be broken by it. The majority of the money is in federal funds and I don't see any legitimate reason for sustaining the Governor's veto.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Shall the bill become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? I am sorry. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President or Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I have consistently voted against overrides all through this budgetary process and it is true, as you will see again today, I would state that it isn't unusual for me to be supporting Senator Chambers and Senator Murphy all in the same day and I am doing that again right now. ADC in 1972 when I ran for the Legislature, this was the first thing that I knew would cause a lot of trouble and I wanted to know about it, I talked to a man by the name of Carl Kleg in our town and I said, Carl, tell me about ADC. He says, now, Kelly, I will tell you this is that every program that there is in the Welfare Department, every single program, I can defend them and I can give you my defense. I can make you an expert in those programs so that you can defend those welfare programs except for ADC. ADC is a program that has a bad personality and it just doesn't seem to be acceptable by the public, but as so often is the case, that ugly duckling is misinterpreted and not seen properly by those who are observing the ugly duckling and that is the case with ADC. Do you really think that the people that are on welfare receiving aid to dependent children payments that they really like it? Do you really think that? Regardless of the cheats and the scandals and the immorality of the people involved, whatever it might be that you have in your mind that you don't need to support ADC because of that reason, ask yourself this real simple question. Okay, so all of those bad people are there, so all of these bad things are in place, do you really believe that underfunding it would change any of those abuses? I do not believe that it will. I believe underfunding just allows those who are determined to be frauds in welfare will be frauds in welfare and the lack of funds will continue to make the hungry kids. Support Senator Chambers in this valiant effort to finally after four years put a little more money in the ADC family's payments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, most of those who receive benefits under our aid to families with dependent children are children. We are talking about