

difference between what the Governor allowed to go through, with his line item veto, and the amount that I am seeking to reinstate by overriding that line item veto. I will state for the record the amounts involved. Currently one parent and child will receive \$270 a month, which is hardly a gold mine. Each additional child would be allowed \$65. Now, I have told you repeatedly that last year LB 789 was passed and it set a maximum for ADC of \$293 for a parent and a child and \$71 for each additional child. The Governor line item vetoed half of the amount that was appropriated to meet this figure. What I am attempting to do, by seeking this override, and what a majority of you agreed to do by adding it to the appropriations bill is to put the second step of that two step procedure into place now. If we override the Governor's line item veto we will put into the ADC appropriation an amount that was authorized last year. That amount would be again \$293 for a parent and a child and \$71 for each additional child. At the bottom of the sheet that I handed out to you, there are some statistics or figures or information which was provided by the Nebraska Department of Public Welfare. Some of them you may find interesting because it does not give a picture such as the one traditionally adopted relative to a family receiving Aid to Dependent Children assistance. The average amount of time for example that a family in these circumstances will stay on ADC is less than two years. One point eight-tenths of a year. The number of children in the family is less than three or fewer than three. In a lot of instances a mother will accept ADC most reluctantly and it is just a stop gap between abject poverty and a set of circumstances where she would be in a position to earn a decent amount of money to take care of herself and her children. Many of these women have not had children in a way that some of us who are highly moral would condemn, that is without the benefit of a husband, although there was the benefit of a man who may have skipped out. A lot of these mothers are divorcee's who have been deserted. So there is no moral culpability on them which accounts for their sad circumstances. One other fact that I think you ought to consider strongly, is that in the ADC program in Nebraska, there was found to be, where fraud is concerned, less than 2%. You can't beat that anywhere. There could be a greater amount than 2% lost through careless administration or mistakes. So this is not a program that is shot through with fraud. It is not making anybody rich. It is not doing anything other than trying to help people who are in a position where they can not help themselves and their children. The \$293 amount is not adequate to meet what the standard of living should require. While I have this moment to speak