

I want to say again on this issue what I said the other day in another context, Senator Howard Peterson had made the statement that some of these people could prepare gardens. I responded that that is kind of cold, when these people don't have any land. So he was castigated for that statement. But what was not mentioned or noted by enough people that Senator Peterson voted for the ADC appropriation. So, I think his act erased anything that his words may have conveyed. When time came to do the thing that was necessary to help these children, Senator Peterson did it and I'm encouraging him to stand firm and do it again today. Now, when we deal with a program like this, we have an opportunity to do away with cynicism. When we deal with issues like abortion we will often assert humanity and concerns of humanity. Then when a bill comes up that deals with reality we will deny the human needs that these people have. I believe that the day that the amendment was added to the appropriation's bill on the floor to put the amount at what I am trying to put it at now, there would have been enough votes then to override the veto, should one occur. But it was unnecessary to go through all of the Calling of the House and taking a roll call vote, otherwise we would have had. . . obviously we had over 25 or it wouldn't have been done. I'm hoping those who did that righteous act that day will stand firm and others will join in on this issue. There have not been a lot of veto overrides which would trigger a tax increase of any kind. The total amount involved in overriding this line item veto is \$1,700,000 hardly a budget buster. So since we are now given an opportunity to establish our priorities, and show by a vote what we think is important, I hope we will take that opportunity and override the Governor's line item veto. There are situations confronting children in this society now which we are powerless to do anything to stop completely. All we can do is try to mitigate the terrible conditions that they confront. Maybe no child would understand the ramifications of an ADC measure like this, but a child would certainly understand if he or she was taken by the mother to rent a place and there was a sign that said, no dogs, cats - or children. Or an even worse sign, and these things exists, pets allowed but no children. It is giving the impression that the children are the enemies and grown people are at war against our own children. That should not be the case. I hope that you will give this poultry increase. It is not remember reaching the level that would have to be reached to have kept up with inflation since the last time an ADC increase was granted. And, even if the amount that we granted last year will be increased to the amount that I'm talking about