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for those are not naturally gifted at being good managers and sometimes when I reflect upon some of the things that I have done on this floor and otherwise, perhaps my judgment hasn't always been the best, so we need to face the facts of life. I've always found it interesting, and I think that I and Senator Labedz agree upon this and Senator Higgins, some of the persons who are the most vocal in their support of antiabortion proposals seem to not be particularly concerned about that child once it is born and once that it is alive and needs to be taken care of. Those of you who have been here for a period of time have heard me say this. A child is not like a young colt that once it is born can run within a few minutes of birth, can live off its mothers milk and survive in an open environment. A child needs continuing care for many, many years. I think that what we are talking about here today is part of a commitment that we made a year ago.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I feel badly that we did not keep commitments in some other areas, but I feel that if we are going to keep a commitment in any area, this ought to be an area of highest priority. I have not received one letter in opposition to the proposal nor one letter in support of. I speak only of my own experience, my own convictions. I ask you to support Senator Chambers motion to override the veto.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand in support of Senator Chambers efforts to override the Governor's veto and I hope that each and everyone of us has read the flyer or whatever you would call it the information that he sent out this afternoon. Especially the amount where the amount vetoed from LB 561 would do more...would do no more than provide the amount authorized in 1980 by LB 789. The increase allowed by 789 was halved by the Governor with the view that the level should be a two step operation rather than one. Override will merely keep faith with what happened last year. Now I know that in speaking to some of you about the ADC program the first thing that comes to your mind is that there is so much abuse of the program. I can assure you that working for the federal government, as I do in Senator Exon's office, I get complaints too about the abuses in federal programs. There are abuses in the agricultural programs, labor programs such as unemployment, wormkmens comp, homestead exemption, and I'm sure that if LB 3 is finally passed there will be abuses in that. There are many, many other programs, for instance the tax exemptions that we