

But the reason that we were higher was that a later estimate by the Department of Welfare had a great many more recipients, as I recall, 1,200 more recipients anticipated for the coming year than had been projected at the time the Governor's budget was put together in December. Of course, that is reflective of the economic times. But again, I would defend the level that the committee has originally recommended. There are obviously other costs to those families that are reimburseable such as Medicaid help, food stamps, utility assistance in some cases, day care for children, the adult is permitted to be employed when the children are of an age that they can be gone, that employment, I believe is around \$355 a month that they could earn, of earned salary and still remain qualified. My opposition would have to lie in the fact that true it is only 1.7 million as we say, but as I have watched a number of bills go across this floor in recent days, as of this morning for example and I should point out, just for the record, there was a note laid on my desk from one of the senators, I think perhaps it was passed to all of you, indicating the Governor opposed the pay for the patrolmen, which I attempted to take out this morning. I want to tell you that that particular \$378,000 was in the Governor's budget and I was not reflecting the Governor's position when I moved to take that out. That was my position of one concern that every bill that we get has passed, almost, well every bill on Final Reading has passed, we rejected one override. But I am concerned that we have constantly enacted legislation at a time when we are putting tremendous pressure on rates, sales and income tax rates, a time when we know receipts are down, gross receipts I think the figure is 28 million down, net will be something less, it is too early to say but I would suspect that that is 10 to 15 million in fact in net being down. But every place we are cutting. I think the original committee recommendation was adequate, perhaps not desirable, but adequate. When you take into account the other benefits that these people are eligible for, I would hope that the body would support the veto and keep the level appropriation for this program at the same level that the Appropriations Committee originally recommended, which is the \$280 figure for the adult and first child plus \$70 for each additional child. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch. Is Senator Koch in the room?

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, I move the previous question.