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SPEAKER MARVEL: The previous question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I don't see five hands. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay Mr. President to cease debate.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate has ceased. Chair recognizes Senator Chambers for ~~close~~ on his motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature. I hope you listen carefully to what Senator Warner said. Because, he is the only one who spoke directly in opposition to adopting the position of overriding. But when he phrased his position initially he started not by saying that he is speaking in opposition to the concept of ADC, he didn't even say initially he was speaking in opposition to the motion. He started by saying that he is speaking in justification of the action taken by the committee. So, there has not emerged on the floor any strong direct opposition to what is being attempted by this override. Remember there is just slightly more than one and a half million dollars involved. The school aid amount of 20 million dollars was not overridden. There has been no attempt to override certain other appropriations that were vetoed. This would be the only one. It could characterize the last few days of the session which generally are hectic and bitter. Perhaps an action like this can help pour oil on other troubled waters that we'll be forced to deal with before we are through. If there is any proposition that deserves a loosening of some of the tightness or a softening of some of the hardness when we deal with budgetary matters this one is it. It will deal with a group of people who are not going to vote because the vast majority, 66% of the households that have these children, the children are under eight years of age. So, even though Senator Warner pointed out that a woman would be allowed to make \$350 and something dollars, he did not say that that is what she is making. If she could leave the home with children this young there is not much likelihood of that. Many of these women are not skilled or trained and when people who have training are finding themselves out of work imagine the plight of those who have no skills and no training. What I am making here today is a plea for compassion and decency and kindness. There is no demand that these children can make on anybody. If we won't do it because of what we think of the children, we should do