

been contacted at one time or another by the county officials in your counties and I hope they have done their job and have convinced you that they are sincere about wanting this type of relief from the medical vendor payments and I could argue another hour on why I think those counties shouldn't be paying any medical vendor payments but this morning we are talking about the override only for one year for \$2.4 million. Ladies and gentlemen of the Legislature, I know that we are up against a toughie because it is going to be hard to override the Governor but I believe this is the bill that we should do it on and I believe we have a chance. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, do you wish to be recognized on this motion?

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am going to support the override, and as it was mentioned by Senator Kahle, I placed the motion up there to provide one year only and I will restate the position that I argued earlier, was that the counties, they have no way of control. They just have to pay and the least we can do is try to diminish that cost, particularly with the fact they are going to live under severe limitations and the people that they serve, their needs are not going to diminish regardless of what our feeling may be. But having just looked at the vote on LB 12 recorded in the Journal on page 2025, I am terribly discouraged. Having been a former teacher and taught political science, we used to deal with principles, ideals, and occasionally we would look at practices, and I can't help but think about the recent article in the Lincoln Journal editorially where he talked about this body's inconsistency. I can't believe that 44 people put their names in print the other day and said, "Yes, we send a message. This is reasonable." And the other day also on 39 quite a number put their signature on that, "Yes" and "No", and that is a record, and so I ask you one more time to put your name on the record and maintain a position you thought was appropriate not too long ago. I cannot understand how people in this body can vote one day one way and in a matter of twenty-four hours obviously somebody has whipped them and they change their position which is so drastic I really don't understand this. I have been here seven years and I cannot nor have I ever seen such a behavior in terms of the integrity and you wonder why the people thinks this body has no ethics. All they have to do is take the Journal. They are taking the wrong magazine. They ought to get this Journal in their homes and they ought to read the records of how we vote. The least you can be is be