

consistent. Those who vote nay, I respect them. Those who vote aye, and then nay, I have very little respect for. The only one thing a person has and that is their honor, and to me when I cast a vote on money bills, I am going to stay on those money bills in spite of what I think the mentality of the public is, in spite of what I think that somebody thinks, and if I ever get beat, if I run again, I can walk away from this place and tell you one thing, that no one ever put me in a corner and forced me to cower and kiss their boot. I ask you to support the override of LB 39.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support the override of LB 39 and I would like to make my arguments succinct but to the point. Basically I have talked to a number of people in this body and I have talked to the Governor's staff and the Governor felt that one of the two...or the Governor's staff indicated that one of the two of these overrides, either 12 or 39, would pass and that wouldn't be such a terrible problem. They absolutely did not want both of them to pass because there might have had to be an income tax increase if that happened. There is not likely to be an income tax increase if 39 passes since we have not voted to override anything else this session. Now let me talk about the merits of this issue. (A), the counties have a pass through. They have to pay sixteen percent of the cost, no matter what. It is just great straight pass through. They have no ability to determine who gets on, who gets relief. They do not control the program. They say...the law says they administer the program. Anybody that knows anything about this program knows full well that administration means that they get to hire the Director and that is it. The regulations are state and federal regulations. The costs are state and federal with a certain percentage pass through of the counties. They have no ability to reduce the cost in any way, no ability. Now let me make one other point. This is the only thing that is going...that we even have a chance to pass this year that is going to provide property tax relief. It is the only thing that will provide for property tax relief. It is the only thing left. With the seven percent lid we ought to be about doing more than this very meager \$2.5 million cost. Frankly, the Legislature would be absolutely pitiful if we don't do at least this. It will create no income tax increase. In fact, it is the only fair thing to do. The counties have no ability to control this program or its cost. We do not know what is going to happen on the