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SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to merely call your attention, as I roughly figure we probably are in the vicinity should this override be sustained or be overridden, that there probably w'll be somewhere around 4.6 million of expenditures in excess of what the Governor has approved or has signed which is also over and above what I probably thought the limit was going to be. But I am sure that at some point I don't know which straw is the one that would break the camel's back, whether it is the first or the last straw that the back at some point breaks from a straw, and I would suspect that reaching a point of 4.6 million we are getting very close to that point, plus the other point of federal funds that are going to impact this program, no doubt, should the changes occur that are being considered in Congress and the flexibility to handle that next time I think is still an important thing to take into account and consider. And finally there are many excellent, good programs that I have said before there is virtually never any program that I consider that is without merit, and many have greater merit than others. But I am going to call your attention to the fact that you are reaching the point where you could certainly trigger a tax rate adjustment, and I think you should take that into account on this issue as well as perhaps some of the others that preceded it, but because of those reasons I cannot support the motion for overriding.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Labeledz. Senator Labeledz. Senator Labeledz, do you wish to speak? All right, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, very briefly, I just want to remind this body that we found money for the Vet School. We found money for LB 3, the tax exemption. This is only \$700,000. Frankly, I don't think it is the straw that breaks the camel's back, and if it is, it's not a big camel and it's not an important camel when we have got a big herd there, and I think it is important that we do this for people. We have done a lot of other things this session for a lot of other groups and interests and so forth. I think for the mentally retarded who much need this program, that this is a small thing that this Legislature can do to show a little compassion. I urge the override of the Governor's veto.

PRESIDENT: Senator Labeledz. I think we are all through because...no, Senator Higgins, would call for the question then?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, I call the question for