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Committee no matter what area we came from believed needed some extra assistance in order to have quality programs, quality staff, quality services. We think that they are operating under a certain extra handicap in terms of the funding that is provided. For that reason we provided a rate of growth slightly higher because the need was greater in our view. I would urge this Legislature to vote to override this veto because really the choice is simply between the size of the reserve whether it will be 4 percent or just a little under 4 percent now, or the question is the size of the reserve or the level of services, and I think in this case certainly the level of services and quality of services deserves full consideration by this Legislature.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Senator Clark, and members of the Legislature, this body is ready to vote on this bill. I urge you to help override this small item that means so much to those who have a need for services for the retarded within our state. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those that wish to cease debate will vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: We are voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. Senator Warner, do you wish to close?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, in closing I would just indicate again it is only \$176,000 in this event but it does assist particularly two regions that have probably needed more assistance. To that the count is right and the second portion I do think it is appropriate that the block grant involving the Title XX funds, this Legislature has every authority to do, be earmarked in the amount of \$300,000 to go to the regions.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the override of the veto as explained by Senator Warner. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Senator Hefner, for what purpose do you arise?

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