

physicians will have ended and that would be a terrible tragedy, I think, for our rural communities. I know the difficult situation the medical center may be in to find money, but as Senator Schmit said, they were able to find it quite easily for their expansion project, they do have reserves. They have some ability to meet this need and then we can come back next year and put money in to make up the difference I would believe. But in terms of my own personal beliefs, this is a needed program and one that would benefit the whole state and so I would rise in support of this override.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I'll give my time to Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Senator Baack, would you answer a couple of questions for me?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Baack, please.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Baack, I just wanted to clarify in my own mind and I think for the record, if the body would go for this particular override, it is not, in fact, adding money to the budget. Is that correct?

SENATOR BAACK: That is correct.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: So if any member of the body was thinking if we had this particular override that it might affect some other bill tomorrow or the next day because it might be a dollar for dollar retribution type of thing, this would not be the case on this override. Would that be your understanding?

SENATOR BAACK: I would assume so as there are no dollars involved in this.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Baack. It's also...Senator Baack, one other question I had, I had three questions. The other one that I had was, even if we do the