

shows you the underdeveloped communities. The top map shows, if we can receive some funding, where the money will go. And I want you to know it will not go into those counties where there are already existing services. What we're trying to do is to spread the services over all of the State of Nebraska so that all elderly have an opportunity to receive at least some kinds of services. And so, if you'll look here, you'll see that where you see the...the little, the lined one, the one that's a yellow box, the one that's marked at the top on the top map, that's where the programs will go. So those of you that have counties that are in this section are going to receive new services if we can get some funding there. You remember that also that I told you about the high percentage of elderly population in Nebraska. We have an older, more frail, more at-risk population which is continuing to grow. Nebraska is one of the highest states in the nation as far as elderly population and we will do nothing except to continue to age in this state. For this reason, it becomes crucial that we provide funding finally in 1989 for what we said we would do in 1982. If we do this, I can guarantee you that down the line there will be service provision for those people to enable them to stay in their homes, number one, but also we can expect that we can lower our Medicaid dollars. It is much more expensive for folks to be institutionalized than it is for them to remain in home and receive in-home services. This is a program that's based on need. There will be some compensation back to the program for the continuation of that program development because it's a fee-based program based on the ability to pay. Those that can afford to receive the services would pay in full for them. I don't know what else to tell you except for the fact that I feel this is very important. This is something that we did say we were going to do some time back, years ago in fact. Never been funded. I am asking you now to support me in this override of the Governor's veto and reinstate what will only be a part of what we originally said, in fact of what I originally even requested. So I'm asking for your support in the reinstatement of the \$400,000 versus the \$200,000. With that, I am open to any questions but I would ask for your support in the override veto attempt. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, please? Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, members, I would just rise in support of Senator Smith's motion to override. Far be it for me to oppose anything Jackie Smith does this year, but clearly this is an issue where there are a number of people across the state