

motion. I know she was not here and I know she was supportive and I do appreciate her attempt to give us another opportunity. I also want to thank Senator Lindsay for the fortune cookie. Senator Lindsay, you made my day, and you made me decide we can try this again. Do you know why my fortune cookie told me to do? It says, "Success is a ladder that can not be climbed with your hands in your pockets." I decided that meant that we can't give up. We have to try again. We hope that we have 30 people that would be willing to support us in this attempt. I don't need to tell you the whole story all over again. You already know the need. I can tell you that we are spending millions and millions of dollars in Medicaid increases on a continuing basis we increase our Medicaid budget. If we could put some of this money into in home services and have those services in place, we would over time see less dependence on that increasing funding for Medicaid dollars which goes for institutionalized services. We need to serve elderly in their homes with in home services which would be at a much less cost than those institutionalized services that we are providing right now for many of those folks because they have no other place to go for those services. We have some counties in Nebraska that presently do not receive any services because there is no money funded for them to be able to develop services in those counties. The reality of it is, folks, is that this is an aging society. Nebraska has a high percentage of elderly people in this state that are going to grow older and they are going to grow more frail and they are going to be more in need of services, because that is what we are doing with health care. I think that what we need to be doing is taking the control of our own future into our hands rather than just reacting by increasing Medicaid dollars. We passed the Community Aging Services Act in 1982 in this body, but did not fund what we passed. I am asking you now, basing this on fairness, to put some money, not all the money that was originally intended to go into this program, just some, so that there can be an expansion of services out into those areas. None of this money will go into administrative costs. It will go totally into aging services. Fees will be accompanied with this. So it is not just a "handout program". I ask you one more time, to please consider this reconsideration motion and then vote for the override. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Robak, would you like to close please?

SENATOR ROBAK: Well just go ahead.