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that was passed, it was vetoed, and we didn't have a chance to even reconsider it. Had to do with judicial salaries, it had to do with my own personal bill that would establish a protocol office, that bill has passed for the past two years, it has passed this Legislature only to be vetoed, both times, after the session was over. A majority of the members of this Legislature thought that that bill was a good bill for the past two years, and yet each time it has been vetoed. There is some Medicaid funding for pregnant women, LB 354 that passed, an excellent proposal vetoed. There was support for an educational data center, as I recall, vetoed, no chance to reconsider. Take a look at the bills, and they're not just my bills. Take a look at the bills that you probably voted for, and I suspect if you take a look at the ones that were vetoed after the session each senator probably voted for most of those bills. But yet we have no chance whatsoever, and we have no power to consider or react to the Governor's veto after the session is over. So I would hope you would enact this rule so that the presumption would be that there will be a four-day or five-day break to come back and consider the vetoes for override. If, in fact, Senator Lamb, if, in fact, you would want to...think that the five-day wait would be unnecessary, this rule is enacted, certainly Senator Lamb could come back and say, move to adjourn to just the next day and have the 90th day follow the 89th day. I've received a copy of the bills that were vetoed last year. One would have added two district court judges and a juvenile court judge, dramatically needed in our state, that was vetoed. The protocol office bill, vetoed; Medicaid eligibility for pregnant women and care for the children, vetoed; incentives for nursing students, vetoed;...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: ...change Medicare personnel need allowance, vetoed; establish a rural health office, that was an excellent bill, vetoed; very minimal expense, that was vetoed; fund state schools for the deaf and visually impaired, vetoed; extend aid to dependent children benefits, as bad as some of the dependent children and single parent families need help, that bill is vetoed; reimburse counties for hospital expense, vetoed; exempt art museum purchases from a sales tax, vetoed; and then the educational data center, vetoed. I would not have voted to override all these bills. As a matter of fact I voted again...as I read down through them there are some of them that I voted against. But on the whole I think that should be our