

their housekeeping activities are already limited at least somewhat by health problems. So this is what's going on nationwide and I would hope in Nebraska that we can at least maintain what we're doing now. I would ask your support. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President and members, I, too, would urge you to support the committee's recommendation on the aging money and you have had a good explanation already from Senator Warner and Senator Smith for the rationale for providing this particular recommendation. It occurs to me that you may be, at this point, struggling with the dilemma of where do I go from here and how do you cast your override votes. And I wanted to give you some of the rationale, at least that I use in the committee, and you can take it for what it's worth. If you look at the total list of budget vetoes that were in 1031 before you, the same as we looked at, there are a good number of issues listed on that list that are personally important to me, that I would like very much to support. You are faced with the same dilemma as I am and I think sometimes there is a perception that because we're on the Appropriations Committee we have some advantage and that we have more knowledge and information but I can tell you when you come right down to this crucial moment, we feel the same way you do and that is there are a lot of things out here that we would like to vote for and I share that feeling. The rationale of the committee, as Senator Warner said, was the aging money appears to be the only thing that could be considered a legitimate deficit, in other words, an emergency situation that was unforeseen and while there are a lot of other things on this list that are extremely useful and valuable and important, none of them exactly fit that deficit rationale. When it comes time to vote, you've got to decide if there is anything else on there that you feel is so important that we cannot forego that this year. But I also would like to go back to this General Fund financial status sheet just for setting a frame of reference for you as we take the next steps in terms of helping to decide at least what the boundaries are within what I think we can do in terms of overrides. If you take this General Fund financial status sheet, and there is a heavy, dark line almost to the bottom of the sheet, above that line there are really only two important things you need to know to make this decision. Above that line where it says, excess or shortfall from the minimum, that 9.577210 figure is what you