

This causes problems in emergency cases and can take hours to get any action if we have to wait for workers to arrive." The judge says, "In conclusion, this study is essential to the well-being of those living in southwestern Nebraska." As one judge stated, "We needed...we need to meet the challenge to determine how can Nebraska best deliver social services in our small communities. The present system was designed for urban areas. The young people, family and elderly in small communities in southwest Nebraska have suffered enough." The amount I'm asking for is \$50,000 for an independent study of the southwest Nebraska social services delivery system. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LANDIS PRESIDING

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Haberman. The next speaker is Senator Withem, and I have a number of lights on. They follow in this order. Senator Elmer, Senator Coordsen, Senator Schmit, Chambers, Barrett, Wesely, Scofield and Langford. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Ah, yes, Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support the override. You may hear a number of people standing, speaking on behalf of this for a number of different reasons. And the reason for that is, as I understand this override, Senator Haberman, this is a blanket override of Section 19 of the bill. What the Governor has done is she has vetoed a number of specific line-items out of the Legislative Council. The one Senator Haberman was speaking to was an evaluation of the social service program, a \$50,000 line-item. There is also a...the legislative video is contained within this one; a study of the state retirement systems. The specific item I'm going to be speaking on behalf of is Phase II of the LB 247 study. If you remember last year, the Legislature appropriated \$250,000 to conduct a study on higher education. That was the number that we felt was appropriate. The Governor line-item vetoed \$100,000 out of that and we had \$150,000 to work with. We have, as you saw this morning, I think, come back with legislation that this Legislature feels comfortable with but we have year two with the role and mission study. We are asking, and the Appropriations Committee appropriated an additional \$30,000 this year, would make a grand total of \$180,000. Instead of the initial \$250,000 that we had originally asked to be appropriated, we're only asking for the additional 30,000. The Governor line-itemed this particular veto. So I'm urging