

that you override this, number one, because I think the \$30,000 is needed to conduct the role and mission portion of the statute, particularly if we are now going to go ahead, as it appears we are, well, it doesn't appear, we are going to ask the voters of the state to cast a vote on whether they want to change our higher education system. And it would be valuable to have this additional information available. I guess I would give a generic argument in favor of overriding these types of vetoes. I think this Legislature is relatively frugal when it asks to spend money. You see some items in other Legislatures, Chicago, for instance, has...or, excuse me, Illinois has district offices and district staff for their legislators. Other states spend a lot more money on their Legislatures. I think any dollars we spend to further...to improve the type of information we have available to us, as a Legislature, whether it be in higher education, whether it be in retirement, whether it be in social services, is money well spent. And, in many ways, I think it's an intrusion by the Governor into the legislative process by even making these particular vetoes. So that's what this override does. I thank Senator Haberman for, number one, making the override and including the Phase II of the LB 247 study within it and I would urge you all to support Senator Haberman's override.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Withem. Before I recognize you, Senator Elmer, there are four parts to this package and apparently there will be an introducer for each of the four concepts. Senator Haberman opened on the Southwest Social Services, Senator Withem on Phase II of the higher ed. I'm going to return to Senator Haberman on the retirement study issue, then I'm going to go to Senator Barrett to talk about the video and then I will go through the regular lights, if that's acceptable to you. Senator Haberman, recognized.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, this involves a study of the complete retirement system in the State of Nebraska by a firm that is an expert in studying what is happening presently, what is going to happen down the road. Our retirement system was started 41 years ago and we have never taken a look at it. Now here is one of the big items that I feel that will pay for its study in itself. A consultant's report shows that the investment returns for the past five years of 15 percent for the schools, judges and patrol, 15 percent for the schools, judges and patrol and only 10 percent for the other state employees. Now that's a big, big difference. Some people