

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 2024 of the Legislative Journal.) 23 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails. The next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion is by Senator Kristensen. Senator Kristensen would move to reconsider the vote on Senator Ashford's motion to override the veto with respect to AFDC and domestic violence.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Kristensen, on the motion to reconsider and the call is not raised. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would yield all of my opening and any closing time to Senator Ashford.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just...I am going to give most of my time to Senator Chambers, but I just want to emphasize again the point that when these women go off ADC and find employment they have no money. Their budget is so small that they simply have no money to pay their rent. They have no money to pay any travel expenses. They have limited funds to do the things that they were doing under their budget when they were on ADC and, obviously, that budget is extremely small, as it is. It was interesting, when we had our luncheon the last couple of years at the Martin De Porres Center, we all were asked to do our budget to see how little we could live on, on a monthly basis, with a family I think of four people, and I can't recall, but I don't think any of the senators were within two or three hundred dollars of what is actually available under ADC, and when that is cut off, as it is when these women find employment, they really are in a desperate situation, as Senator Chambers alluded to. So what we are trying to do simply with this \$284,000 is to close that gap, that is a very evident gap that occurs and, obviously, it has become more of a problem because of a good thing, and that is that people are getting off ADC and finding employment. And that emphasizes or highlights a problem which, quite frankly, we may not have had before when the welfare rolls were increasing. They are now decreasing rather rapidly, so with that, I would give the rest of my time to Senator Chambers.