

SPEAKER BARRETT: Three minutes, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I have talked to a number of you already on this, and some who had voted no have agreed to vote to override, and when the Humanities Council vote came in and that resulted in an override, to me, it was like something for the silk stockings and now I would like to give something to the ragged stockings and no stockings trying to add...make it not quite such a heavy issue although it really is. I had said that I would not take much time, and since there are 48 of us here, if the ones who voted for it in the first instance will hold, and those who said they would vote the second time around, then we have enough votes for the override. So I have no additional comments at this time. The first vote will be one to reconsider and that requires 30 votes, as will the override. So that is all that I would have to say at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion, Senator Hall, followed by Senator McFarland.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, and members, I rise in support of the reconsideration motion as well as the vote to override. I looked at the list of overrides and they came out with the aging first, and the ADC recipients second, and it was I am sure just by chance that they were put up at the desk that way, but it seemed to me that they were in the appropriate order that they needed to be in, first and second, in terms of priority status. I just got done voting for the first time in the six years that I have been here not to support funding for MR in one form or another, and I did that because I think that some of these other proposals that we have out here at present are more important, this being one of them, the one on aging that I did, as well. I am not going to vote for very many other motions to override today because I do recognize the issue of maintaining 3 percent reserve and the difficulty that we have with some of these budget issues. They are extremely tough to vote yea or nay on. This is one that I would hope the body would do that because they fall in that category of individuals that cannot help themselves. These are the people that we get sent down here to help that don't have the lobbyists behind the glass, that don't make the phone calls to you on a daily basis or an issue basis, but need the money that we appropriate. It is unfortunate it was vetoed. I understand the budget consideration the Governor has to deal with. This one deserves to be reconsidered and then