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SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator McFarland, followed by Senator Moore.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It was very educational and enlightening to be invited to the luncheon that Senator Crosby sponsored for the women who require aid to dependent children. We had that luncheon a few weeks ago. There were ten of us that attended and it gave me a chance to speak with some of the women from my district, and the circumstances they face in trying to raise a family without adequate funds. My impression from that is that these women are trying very, very hard. They have a very, very difficult time of it and, to me, it would be unconscionable to not pass this legislation and, in effect, to a degree penalize them for finding employment. Because they find employment, then they lose their welfare benefits right away but the check that they receive from their employment is usually a month later. So for that month that they find employment, it really puts them in a precarious position. I think the legislation is well thought out and is worthy to be passed. I would urge reconsideration and the vote to override the amendment. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Mr. Speaker, and members, I think Senator Chambers makes a pretty good point. How can you vote against this issue and then turn around the very next time and vote for the humanities. It is one of those very frustrating things about who it is you want to serve, and I like Senator Hall's comments about, you know, this is probably the second priority after the aging. The problem a lot of us have is that, you know, it is still fairly early in the day, unfortunately, what else is going to go. Senator Warner and Senator Hannibal made it very clear in the last amendment, there is only so much money to go around. If you can convince me this is one of the last things we are going to go today, to me it is one of the higher priorities for me, higher priority than many of the things still on 1031, and many of the things still on the bill that's coming after that. I think it is just one of those decisions everybody has to make, and I hope if you listen to Senator Chambers, you apply a pretty thorough criteria, because if you are not going to override this, then you had better not override a lot of other things. On the other hand, if you do override this, there