

already gotten their oar in with the Appropriations Committee and generally much, much larger increases than this particular legislation proposes are already included in the budget. This is what's really interesting and I want you to think about it. You know, for the first time in a long time this Legislature will be able to establish policy and have its policy implemented because of this legislation along with and sometimes on an equal and I would hope on an equal basis with the bureaucracies that exist and have always been very well maintained, thank you, because of the process we have. I think this is important to recognize that using property tax dollars is certainly an inappropriate thing for spending and using to reimburse health care costs. Remember this also, there is another session before the age sections come into effect. Remember also that this bill caps off the spending. Unless you decide to change it, we will spend no more than the legislation provides. Also remember I have terrible problems with the A bills when they provide in this case, for example, a million and a half dollars to administer \$7 million worth of aid. I'm not sure how we ever get a hold of that but I can imagine that that is how, through the appropriations process, these bureaucracies continue to grow and expand. I would also like to point out that there is a lot of things you probably even don't know about, for example, the university budget that has \$2.5 million in it to pay off 10-year professors. Nobody seems to be worried or talking about that too much. That policy is established, it's already in the budget. I'm not going to go into examples of 35, 45, 50 examples like that that eat up more money than this even starts to begin to touch. It's an appropriate use of state dollars. It's good policy. It establishes, in a sense, a precedent where, in fact, this Legislature can, in fact, establish some budget policy just like all the other bureaucracies in the state and I think that's important. Last but not least, please remember that county or two out there that's going to have somebody drop by some night, get thrown in jail and be identified with a serious illness or sickness, with AIDS or whatever it might be, and because you can't budget for this sort of thing be stuck with possibly well over a \$100,000 worth of responsibility. And if that county is at their limit, spending limit, it's got to be tough. A meaningful piece of legislation and I think it's good policy. I can certainly understand the problems and I admire the way it's described by Senator Warner, but, hopefully, you will also understand the way I tried to explain from our point of view that same kind of a circumstance. Hopefully, you will support the override.