

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I rise to support in this override attempt, and I would just add a little bit to what Senator Hartnett has already related to you. Given the situation that we are addressing in the State of Nebraska with our concerns about children and what is going on in other areas of child abuse, those sorts of things, I think that, you know, it behooves us to have a really good system of foster parents, and the Review Board can only add to this whole system. And if we believe very, very much that training must be a part of that process for those foster parents, I have had handed out to you on the floor a thing that is entitled "Fostering Ideas" and it relates the fact that as far as foster parent education is concerned, on November 21st, money was allocated and the increase in funds to assist will go from 50 to 75 percent for fiscal year '90 through '92, and then double in the state funds for foster and adoptive parent education. It is important that we have education for foster parents and it is important that we, not only because of the children, for the sake of the children, themselves, but also for the retention of parents. There is a high burnout rate. We are losing foster parents more rapidly than we are able to replace them, and the foster care parent program is in sort of a really crisis situation, you might say, given that concern. I would also ask your support for the override. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Moore, followed by Senators Wesely and Labedz.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and members, I need to enter into a brief dialogue with Senator Hartnett, if he would yield.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hartnett, would you respond to a question?

SENATOR MOORE: Senator Hartnett, I have received varying, different signals on this bill, and I guess I am just simply ask you is, I don't often...usually I feel that if you pass the bill, you should pass the A bill, but I want to know in this case what happens if the bill is passed and the funding is not, in your opinion. Some people have lobbied me, that we don't really need the money, we just need the bill, and I guess I want you to tell me, in your opinion, what happens if we do this?

SENATOR HARTNETT: I think that we could...Senator Moore, I