

choose how much money in the veto you wish to override. And because these two projects are combined, we must...we must override the whole thing. It's my understanding that the replacement of vocational education program was to deal with an instructor in the agriculture area. The federal government has cut back on some funds and it's difficult to maintain programs and to maintain staff we're going to have to replace those funds. It sounds like a worthy project. I'm just not capable of discussing it with any degree of expertise. Perhaps Senator Moore can give a somewhat of a nonpartisan explanation of the program, prior to his getting in his role of bashing all of the overrides, maybe he can at least give an explanation of that portion of the program. My concern is with the pilot projects for early childhood education. And, again, as I indicated, Senator Rasmussen can talk to you about what those programs are all about. I'm going to walk you back through the history and tell you why I feel passionately that what the Governor is doing here is wrong for more than just because of these programs. For years, ever since I've been in this body, we, as a Legislature, have passed legislation in the area of education promising that we are going to fund it and practically, without exception, after programs are set up and after we have people in the schools scurrying around like mice attempting to comply with them, they have the rug pulled out from under them. Last year, with the help of Senator Wesely, Senator Crosby and others in here, we passed an early childhood education program, one which was going to create pilot programs, some of which would be funded with grants from the state government, and we told school districts, go forth this year and produce model early childhood education programs. We will then fund the best of them. The schools have been, since we passed that, busy creating their early childhood programs. They are now in the process and Senator Rasmussen might be able to tell you exactly where they are in the process of coming forward with those programs, saying, state government, State Legislature, we've done what you have asked, here is our model program. Will it be funded or won't it? Governor Nelson is saying, with this veto, no, it won't, we weren't really serious. We aren't serious about education reform. We aren't serious about bottoms up approach. We're not serious about empowering people out in the local schools because we don't have the money now and so we're not going to fund it. It's not an example of a new program that hasn't started yet. That may be the rationale or the excuse that the administration uses but it's a bogus excuse because the planning process has gone into this and I think it's...it's