

exception, by the way, is that R&D Economic Development thing but even that is part of the 5 percent because we talked about that in part but not in total, but he did take out more than what we talked about. Except for that, nobody got touched. The bureaucrats must be sitting back there laughing like...laughing like heck at us and thanking and blessing the system because, again, they're going to get through another budget year without having to worry about it. Now, remember, when I mention these increases and when we talk about that 5 percent, that's 5 percent, you know, of what they had to spend in 1990 and '91 and, obviously, that's an increase over the previous year. But in the case of that one institution, the number I used is correct. So when you think about that, the political ramifications of all of this, think about the alternatives. There are a number of alternatives that...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...administratively could be used to meet these needs. And if they're not, I think it's a terrible indication of how we run our state.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Madam Chair, members, some additional information that I wanted to provide with you and, again, I will do the opening and then probably let Senator Rasmussen get into the more specifics. But I just visited with the folks from the Department of Education and they have indicated that because of the way in which school lunch money flows, the way in which we match federal money for school lunches, that at the end of this bien...that at the end of this year they will anticipate having an additional 300,000 which will lapse back into the General Fund. And it is their contention...and Senator Rasmussen has a letter that confirms that they are...they think this program is so important they would be willing to have that money considered to be kind of an offset so that the veto override is really not going to be a net impact of the large sum of money that Senator Moore had indicated but will be considerably smaller, be practically nothing if the budget were not written in such a fashion that we had to override the whole program 440, but it will be considerably less. And for all of the reasons that you've heard from the proponents of this program, it is...it's a worthwhile program. It should be overridden. It should not have been vetoed in the first place. It's one of those...it is