

reduce the amount of state aid that they were given for juvenile services and that's the program for the children that we do not want to put in jail, we need to have holding facilities, we need to do some things at the local level and funds that we had put aside for communities to apply for in a grant form. And they took it out of the state aid program. The Appropriations Committee, in essence, said that we don't think you can do that, you need to take from the operations, you can't do it from state aid. And the response we got back was we can...we'll do it anyway. So one of the things that the committee did was work very hard with the court administrator's office and I want to be forthright in saying that they were very, very helpful in working with us on the project and the program and we are able to put money back in to the point that the juvenile services programs would be covered. It is this area, when you look at the Supreme Court overrides by Governor Nelson, you have to override the entire thing, you just can't override the across-the-board cuts. I want to explain that the across-the-board cuts would have been, in most...in all circumstances...in most circumstances, not taking in operations, they would take that veto out of juvenile services fund state aid. That is not right. It's not proper and it's not the thing to do but nonetheless that is what would have happened. In talking with the court administrator's staff today, it was their concern as well as to what was actually going to happen. One of the things that developed over the process is there was money that was able to be reappropriated into the Supreme Court. With that reappropriation, the juvenile services will be able to be covered for at least the upcoming year. So those communities, such as Papillion-LaVista and those...and Omaha and all of...all throughout the State of Nebraska, North Platte included, those communities that have put in a grant proposal and are well on their way should be and in all probability will be funded for this upcoming year. It does mean, however, that the Unicameral and the Appropriations Committee will have to revisit the issue next year in the...in the middle of the biennial budget and see what can be done, if there is a better picture, hopefully, for the budget, what can be done to assure that the funds would be still guaranteed for the following year. So we will have work to do when we come back next year but the juvenile services funds should be fine for this next year. And, with that explanation, I withdraw the motion for the override.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Mr. Clerk.