

they're looking at losing a portion of this appropriation that the Governor vetoed, they're looking at basically having to pay back close to the...well over \$400,000 in personal property tax refunds. It is a very tight situation for them. I would...And the people that are, frankly, going to suffer from it are these people that most need the service, rely on it, have no alternatives. I would urge that you vote to override the Governor's veto.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Madam President. I also rise to support the motion to override the veto on the Metro Area Transit fund. Senator Smith and Senator Hall did a very good job of explaining that the elderly use the bus system in Omaha, and I'm sure they also do in Lincoln. I don't think anyone has mentioned the fact that when I'm traveling to Lincoln, in the morning, early morning hours and sometimes just before eight o'clock, to come to Lincoln, I see many, many students waiting for buses to go to the high schools or to go to even college, because their parents, in south Omaha, can't afford a car, or can't afford to take them to work, because maybe they're at work already, and their children, the students, need the bus to get to work. In the past several years I have received calls, in south Omaha, where people are very upset because Metro Area Transit has had to discontinue some of the routes. That makes a four, or five, or six block walk sometimes to get to a bus line for the elderly, and sometimes the handicapped that do not drive and cannot drive. So I assure you that this is probably one of the most important overrides that we will be doing today, because without the bus system in a metropolitan area, as Omaha and Lincoln, we certainly do have a problem. I assure you that it is not just the elderly and the low income that are riding the buses, because I have seen many, many students...I can recall when I was growing up and going to high school, we had a 12 block walk to South High from my home, and we were so desperate in bad weather, I'm almost ashamed to say this, but many of my family, including myself, used to...because the cattle trucks used to go down L Street to go to the packing houses, we used to hop on the back of a cattle truck and hang on to get to South High School. And I can assure you it's the truth because my sister fell and broke her arm one day. Mother didn't even know that we were doing this, but it was something that we did every day, because the cattle trucks would go up L Street to get to the packing industry, and that was the