

absolutely no care whatsoever in these areas. I think it's very important and not a large amount of money and it will be money well spent. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I strongly support this override effort. Chlamydia is a disease that is going to infect women, primarily, and the Pap smears are necessary to detect conditions in women. In many instances throughout the society there's a tendency to play down the significance and importance of those things that impact more on women than on men. This is one of those health issues that will go beyond females, because it can have an impact on men. This could affect somebody's wife, somebody's daughter, somebody's mother, sister, aunt, and I think the point has been arrived at where for this relatively small amount of money we should consider the amount of good that can be done in terms of providing a needed health service. We are not squandering money. We're not giving anybody some kind of a privilege or free ride. We are saying that in a country like America, in 1991, where health technology is probably, or at least I'm told it is, higher than anywhere else in the world over all, we have women confronted by these diseases who are unable to find the means or wherewithal to even have an examination to detect them, let alone the money for treatment. And we should not, as a Legislature, whose responsibility it is to formulate public policy to carry out the role of government which is to do for people what they cannot do for themselves, we should not as a Legislature refuse to make this money available. Nobody can deny that the need is there. Nobody can deny that it poses very serious problems to the women who will be affected and their families. So I hope what we will do is vote to override. I would hate to think that this matter would be viewed in the same light as some of the other things that we have not voted favorably for. I voted for every proposal that Senator Lynch brought. Especially the one for mental retardation wasn't an easy vote for me, because we're voting to help people who are afflicted with a problem that they have no responsibility for whatsoever. We have another situation here that affects one gender more than it does another, and I think that should not be a reason for us to play down the seriousness of it. If we were talking about something that would render men sterile or impotent, I think that would be argued as a problem that