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body on this one, this override does not affect the General Fund, does not take away from '91.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ..will not take away from 57 and I ask the body for your help. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Well, Mr. President and colleagues, we all have priorities, don't we? A few weeks ago, I made a motion to add a few more dollars in the budget to fix the roof on the State Capital. We got 19 votes. I wanted a few more dollars to fix the roof on the Bob Devaney Sports Center. I got 19 votes. I wanted to put a new roof over on some of the buildings over at the State Fairgrounds. Again, 19 votes. The 309 Task Force decided to ask for another half million dollars to fix a few roofs around the state, but the members of the Appropriations Committee didn't feel that that is where the money should be spent. Instead, they would rather renovate buildings throughout the state. If we had used a portion of that \$11.1 million, if we'd have even used the \$400,000 approximately that is going to be spent in the '92-93 fiscal year, we might have got our roof fixed on the State Capitol, but I guess we all have priorities. Now I am not talking three or four years down the line on some of these projects. I am talking about a roof that needs fixing right now. I am talking about a roof that needs fixing over at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. These aren't projects that are in my district. They are over 50, 60 miles away. I will be lucky if a constituent stops in either one of these buildings the next three or four years. I felt they were important to the state. The committee didn't feel that way, and they didn't feel that way in committee or on the floor, but we have money to spend on the center out in Scottsbluff and North Platte, Wayne. I am sorry, my priorities are to fix a few roofs around the state and I think next year we will come back in, maybe spend a few hundred thousand dollars to take care of existing structures that we have in the state. I am not going to vote for this override. I urge you members not to also.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Question.