

Do we want to take 1.4 to 7 million dollars, we can call it pork barrel if we want to, we can call it a lot of different things, we know the projects that are out there, has nothing to do with balancing the budget; has nothing to do with balancing the budget. One of the few stable places these young children have is the school setting. If you vote for this, you're going to make it unstable. If you think schools are going to provide better care for these young children, folks, you're flying in cloud nine, believe me. What happens if they leave the foster care home? They go to group homes, which is five times as expensive. Then what happens then? We send them out of the state. What do we spend now on young children we send out of the state? Around 5 to 6 million dollars. Send some, it costs us \$500 a day. So really, in reality, if we don't do this, it's going to cost us more money. We might, in our minds on this day, we could probably rationalize that it isn't going to cost us more money, but it's going to down the line. It's going to have an effect on some children, the most fragile children in our society today, don't forget that, the most fragile children in our society today versus 1.4 to 7 million dollars, supposedly, that Senator Ashford says that's going to balance, this money's going to balance the budget. Let those projects stand out there by themselves. Sure there's going to be veto overrides. There's going to be vetoes. There's going to be a lot of red ink probably by the time we get finished tomorrow evening, but please don't take it out on the most fragile young people in our society today. I urge you to vote against the Ashford amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Lamb, you're next. Question is called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question is, shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We're voting on ceasing debate. There's been a request for a call of the house. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

SENATOR ASHFORD: We'd take call-in votes as well.

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SENATOR CONWAY: The house is under call. The house is under call. Will members please return to the chambers and record your presence. Senator Lamb, Senator Schellpeper, Senator