

balance. We have some economic forecasts which admittedly is good or as you want them to be. None of them are particularly pessimistic, none of them forecast. One of them is a 15 percent probability at a recession by late '96. Another one may be a 25 percent probability by late '95 with a strong recovery into 1996. So that's trying to set the stage a little bit as to about why we think some of this override is justified and primarily most of the dollars are in the pay equity issue, in the mental health issue which is impacting. I could make a case for the mental health issue that it is a form of crime prevention. In fact it might be one of the most significant crime prevention measures we've passed this session. If some would say that the crime bill doesn't have any crime prevention, it simply treats the, it doesn't treat the problem, it just...it doesn't do anything for the symptoms. Mental health may well solve some of our, as we see some of this mental health money goes to children's programs as well as adults in the regions. And also the University of Nebraska gets about 3 million of this salary increase so there is the heart...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...of the issues as I see it, the disability issue, the mental health issue and the University of Nebraska investment in that to fully fund the salaries at the University of Nebraska and not make them eat that. That is the heart and soul of what the Appropriations Committee is recommending. Then we have some other lesser amounts, as you can see in your sheet, I think that are responsible, continuing this funding for the School for the Deaf until it phases down. It doesn't hamstring them as they wind down their program in their larger facility and for smaller facilities in Omaha. It does do the mass transit which is going to impact the disadvantaged or at least the poor that use the bus. It should prevent a raise in fares in those cases.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein, your time is up. And in answer to your question, 40 members have checked in at this point. Senator Vrtiska, on the motion to override.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I just had a couple of comments and then I'll give some time to Senator Wehrbein if he would care to have it. The only question I had and certainly not criticism of the Appropriations Committee, but I just wanted to ask Senator Wehrbein if he could