

going. I might add, Senator Wesely, another argument that you could put is as we continue to tighten that screw on special education and certain programs are not going to be able to be offered on special education, that the Vocational Rehabilitation is going to bear more and more of the burden on those 18 and older because we're not going to be able to do some of those things at the K through 12. This particular group of overrides is fiscally, in my judgment, a sound one. I appreciate Senator Hall for packaging it in this manner and certainly will be supporting the Hall amendment.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Maurstad and Wesely.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it's hard for me to take these pieces of legislation that we deal with and not hook them up to other things that we've discussed, and maybe that's why I get irritated more so than others because I try to see the entire picture. I take a panoramic view. We're going to probably at some point do a lot of talking about crime, fighting crime, and so forth. Probation officers have a part to play in dealing with that problem. Senator Bohlke has a bill, LB 445, that relates to welfare. Much discussion was had with reference to trying to get people off public assistance into meaningful jobs that pay a living wage. President Clinton has stated that he is opposed to what the "Repelicans" are doing because they are not offering nearly enough in terms of job training and other things that are needed to make work possible. Now we have a program here that would provide assistance to people who need it so that they can work gainfully. Not only will they earn a living, but there is such a thing as self-esteem, self-respect, a feeling of self-worth, all of which go along with being able to provide for yourself. Senator Wehrbein acknowledged that there are people right now who need these services, who are entitled to them, but who will not get them. How can we talk on the one hand about welfare reform and yet have people who might be able to get work if we would provide training for them. If we don't provide the training, we are going to pay to underwrite and subsidize their care anyway, so it makes no sense to me and it is the height of cynicism on the part of the Governor to veto money from a program such as this. Senator Hall, Senator Wesely, and Senator Bernard-Stevens have talked about how you can maximize some federal money by adopting Senator Hall's motion. Now Senator Wesely mentioned, I think, Maximus by name. So when it comes to