

those, including the University of Nebraska, which is Central Administration, which does do the salaries. That's the reason that that's where that goes, and in order to re... simply restore funding to... fund the salaries at the University of Nebraska. This is the program that we had to use to get about doing that. So that's the reason there are some other lesser programs in there in terms of dollars. The total override is \$3,038,063. The committee felt it was the responsible thing to do to fully fund and adequately fund the University of Nebraska salaries. There is, and I know, lots of pressure to do many other things. This is something that I think gets at one of the significant hearts of the matter of adequately funding the salaries. It does no more. That is, essentially, the issue, \$3 million roughly to the University of Nebraska, the rest goes to others which totals 38,000. Once again, it is in that line item. We have no choice but to take all or none. If you consider it important to fund the University of Nebraska, keep the investment in our future there, and there has been several letters, I would ask you to look at those. I am not going to go over those, but we do face increasing enrollment potentially, at all, nearly all of those institutions. It is something that we can maintain our commitment to higher education and the students, in this case, and we feel it's appropriate that it be a part of this program or this package, and that is the reason the Appropriations Committee recommended this. And if there is questions, I will answer them. I hope that a lot of this is self-explanatory, but with that, that's all the introduction I have at this point, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Beutler, for discussion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, I understand from the mood of the Legislature today that this is all that is going to be done in all probability with respect to the university, and I am sad to see that because of the funds being vetoed from the university. About \$17 million, as you know, was vetoed. This is \$17 million that the Appropriations Committee, in its judgment, thought that the university needed for various programs, and for salaries, and for vacancy savings, for the various items that make up the university budget. In the judgment of the Appropriations Committee and in my judgment, these amounts would have been appropriate appropriations for the university. But, instead of...but of that 17 million, with this amendment all that is being restored is 3 million of the