

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Bohlke, followed by Senator Bromm. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I rise in support of this override, and in listening to Senator Beutler, for some of the very same reasons. I have thought very long and hard about the numbers of overrides that I would support, and certainly with the new recommendation and the somewhat limited amount this is, and the theory that we do have those contract agreements, it makes sense to me that we should honor that. And, you know, we started off this session talking about the need to have a strong university and graduates to get companies to locate here, to get people to stay, young people to stay in our state. I think we need to make that investment. This certainly is much different from the original recommendation and truly is pretty much of a bare bones. But we had some confusion about the vacancy rate earlier on when we discussed that, and I think that that's been explained that that vacancy rate is not something that the university has available, but certainly that they filled that immediately with temporary professors until they find a permanent replacement, and so I think for that reason also that we need to realize that they do not have that vacancy rate savings that's been discussed. I, for those reasons, rise to support this one override veto. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Bromm, your light is next.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President, and I would like to just explain that I will be supporting this override veto, and it is primarily because I think...well, a couple of reasons, but I think we have a commitment with respect to funding the salaries that have been established and agreed to, and I can't justify backing off on that kind of a contractual commitment. As you know, earlier in the session, I thought if there were any expendable dollars in the university appropriation it was in the vacancy savings area, but I certainly think that these dollars are needed and I will be supporting this part of the override veto. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Vrtiska, on the motion.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Hall, members of the body. I reluctantly rise in opposition to the motion, not because I