

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That's fine, I will let you talk with Sandy there for a minute. Members of the body, the only thing that I want to bring into the discussion, not that anyone cares this morning, on the final day, but this vote particularly is all we are doing is, if we vote yes on the override, this particular override, what we'll be doing is taking away a million dollars that the department could use in operations, and one of the areas would be regional centers, where they would be able to use it in a regional centers, what this override would do is say, no, we're not going to give you that flexibility to use the dollars in the areas that you feel are the most important. We are going to force you, whether that is good or bad, to use it into an area, earmark it into an area on the community-based system...areas in regards to the case management. And I am not arguing whether that is good or bad either, my point is that we are going to have some effects on dollars that they would have been able to spend in regional centers or other places. To assume that there is not going to be reductions in other areas because they are going to have to shift the million dollars over to another program I think is not a correct one. There are going to be some losses. It would be nice to know where the dollars are going to come from, and it would be nice to know if I am voting to shift it, what I am voting to cut back and reduce. Obviously, the Governor's Office felt that the flexibility was needed more than the earmark. And, Senator Wehrbein, now...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...that you have that information from Sandy, the one question I do have remaining is in regards to the committee's...the Governor's veto, they felt, obviously, that the flexibility was needed, and the earmarking was not in the best interest. What was the best rationale that they gave...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: For...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...for the flexibility?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...for the flexibility issue because it's taking a million dollar cut.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And they could still use the million