

expansion of programs from the beginning that Senator David Bernard-Stevens, I think, wanted to happen. My point was until we have the basic program across the state, I didn't think we need to expand the programs that are currently being offered, so my motion on Appropriations Committee was I think one, point, three, anyway it was a little over a million dollars to look at offering similar services clean across the state. My statement at Appropriations Committee was, if we are going to do this, let's do it with in mind that if there is an override that we will support it. It won't do any good to put, because we knew the money was at risk when we put it in the budget, that it won't do any good to put the money in the budget if it is going to be vetoed, so we will need to stand behind that. I am now at the point where I am not going to support David's override, and I feel it's important, I've said this to him, but I need to say it to the body, probably, since I am the one that asked for the commitment probably in the first place, is that I feel that we're at a point, looking at the budget and what this body has done, that we are at the point where we have made our choices, and one of the choices was not, apparently, going to be the OJS system or some of the other vetoes that the Governor made. We've made choices up until this point, and we can't have our cake and eat it too. It's kind of like, to me I'm...compared it to a house of cards. If I am going to put an override to put more money back in the budget on one, I think I'm going to have to do it on more than one, because I don't think I can prioritize which one is needed the most, developmental disabilities, O'S system, or what. I can't take just one of those and decide and override to put it back in. To me, it is either all or none. And the other factor was...is the decline in income, I think there is a good argument that says we have declining revenue over what we'd originally thought was going to be there. We do need a balanced budget. If we don't, as an Appropriations Committee member, and I hope I will be assigned to that committee again next year, I don't want to start out too far in the hole. The reductions are going to come sometime. They are either going to come this year or they are going to come next year, because it's not...it's not going to be that much of a difference. It's not going to be that much of a change. We don't know what is going to happen in the future, so that...if we fund it this year, I am going to say then we will have to look at what that deficit is going to be next year when we come in, and we need to look on down the road as well as right now. David, I was one of those that said I would support