

provide this money, \$3.1 million. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Dierks would like to announce that the following guests are visiting the Legislature. There are members of the Nebraska Chapter of the World Organization of China Painters here under the north balcony. Will you all stand and be recognized, please. Senator Brown announces that there are ten seventh and eighth graders here from Mt. Calvary Lutheran in Omaha with their teacher. They are in the north balcony. Will you also stand and be recognized, please. And Senator Lynch announces that there are some special guests visiting the Legislature today. Brother Jack Bangertor and Sister Bangertor are here from Utah and there are 30 to 40 other members, missionaries from the Church of the Latter Day Saints in Utah. Brother Bangertor is a former 12-year member of the Utah State Senate and they just sang in the Rotunda and wrote a song, a special song about Nebraska. Will you please stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Nebraska Unicameral. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Madam President and members of the Legislature, first off I want to express my appreciation to Senator Crosby and Senator Maurstad for their speeches and support for funding for developmental disabilities. I think both are sincerely concerned about services to these very vulnerable individuals. I think all of us care a great deal about them. Our state has been very good I think over the years in supporting developmental disability services. But I would like to rise and suggest that we not support the override, and that's an unusual position for me. I've been a very strong supporter of developmental disability services in the past. But I suggest to you that it's time that we make a point once again about how the system and this system that we're talking about here is a community-based system is operated and the fact that the state of Nebraska funds over \$30 million of the cost of services to developmentally disabled. Madam President, if I could get a gavel, I would appreciate it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: (Gavel.)

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I know maybe a lot of people have already made up their mind but I for one would like to at least make a couple of points. The point is that in this system currently \$30 million in state money is being spent; \$43 million