

now control through the regions this system ought to be asked to do more. The 4 percent or...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...5 percent of expenses they're now paying is not adequate for the control that they exercise over the system. So in exchange for the control that they want to continue, I suggest that they pay a little bit more of the cost. And that to me is a solution to the problem, that we not override. I will not vote against the override because I can't vote against more funding for developmental disabilities. On the other hand, I am going to abstain and not vote for the additional funding to make the point once again that a change is needed. And for those who care about the developmentally disabled and want to see this pay increase go back, go forward...go back to your regions, suggest that they come up with the money through the local subdivisions that want to continue to have control over the system and see if they can't put in a few more dollars than they have in the past to try and make this possible. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Fisher.

SENATOR FISHER: Governor and members, I rise in support of Senator Crosby's amendment to override. I think it's important that we take the obligation we must pay these people. It's probably one of those situations we pay now or pay later. I know it's an unfortunate thing that we have to do this perhaps, but I think it's important enough that I get up and rise in support of this. We spend a lot of money down here and I've been one that's trying to keep that spending down, and it probably surprises some folks that I get up and speak on this issue in this manner. But it's very important. These front line people are very important. They need to serve these folks with these disabilities, and I urge that you support...give your support to Senator Crosby and her motion to override. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Fisher. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. I would indicate that now is not the time to make a point. There are certainly times to make a point, but I don't think that now is the time to make a point on this particular issue. As Senator Wesely knows,