

particular situation? I think you would. So I think it's now for us to continue the course that was set last year by moving forward on the blueprint, by moving forward on pay equity, an identified problem in the system that if we don't rectify will prohibit progress being made. Now is not the time to turn back. I have faith in the body, faith in the membership...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...and I urge your support of the Crosby amendment so you can end this session with a good feeling knowing that you've helped people in a meaningful way that will be extremely appreciative of your actions. You will be helping someone other than yourself. That sense of fulfillment will not only end up with them but I say will end up with all of us also. I urge your yes vote on the override.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Lindsay announces that there are special guests visiting the Legislature today. His brother-in-law, Derek Ford is here with Senator Lindsay's nephew, nine-month-old Matthew. They are both under the south balcony. Will you stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Crosby to close on the motion to override.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I do appreciate so much the people that have spoken in support and I understand Senator Wesely maybe a lot better than he thinks I do. I understand how he feels about LB 1059 and so on, but...and, again, we've got to retire that number, Don. I always think, oh, that's the school bill. No, it's the other bill. I'm coming back to what I said and I thank Senator Maurstad for emphasizing this again. Whenever I look at these numbers, each one of them has a face on it because we are talking about people who are at risk because they cannot help themselves in many ways. They need our help. Many of them come along and eventually are somewhat productive members of society. But we do need to help the people who provide those services and we need to help the people who receive the services. So put a face on these numbers. Keep that in mind as you vote. I just feel strongly that the rate equity is something that we've been working at here for three, four years at least and we came to a point where we thought we had really gotten to the point where it's going to work and now this pulls the rug out from under it.