

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

May 27, 2003

LB 407

long-range observation of it. And we need to continually educate. We need to continually educate as many as possible. We need to educate parents as far as bringing up their kids. This is where it originally starts from. And if we fall a little bit short on the education portion of it, then I think the treatment of the lack of education of people and going in the wrong direction, I think that...the burden is going to be far greater than what we're doing right now. So with that, I truly support the override. And I will be listening to any other comments. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Vrtiska on the motion to override.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I, like probably the most of you, have received a great deal of mail, e-mails and et cetera, criticizing in some cases, praising in other cases, what we've been doing and what we're doing now. That's human nature, and I understand that. I'm...I was pleased to hear what Senator Bromm had to say before me. And I, like, I suspect, the most of us, have a pretty heavy heart at this time, making up our mind how we should go on this particular override vote. And if I had a choice, I wouldn't vote for an override. But somebody tell me the choice. Some of those people that called and talked to me, that I saw over the weekend, said, how can you vote to not cut...and not cut some more. When I started asking questions, I didn't get very good answers. I turned to the Appropriations Committee for the answers, and I think they have, at the best of their ability, provided us those answers. So I don't intend to take a lot of time, except to tell you, do I want to vote for an override? No. Will I vote for an override? Yes. I do it simply because I think it's the right thing to do, given the situation we're in. And I know I'll be criticized, as those others who vote for an override, because there's a feeling out there, we're spending too much money, we need to cut back government. I don't argue those points. I think they're valid points. But we're at the point of...in my opinion, the point of no return right now. We have to make a decision pretty soon, unless we want to come back in a special session and try to redo things over. And I don't think...I don't know what we could redo over in a special session. So it