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SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Last week, when we were adding things into the budget, I didn't vote for any of them. You can look at the record. That probably comes as a surprise. My legislative aide was keeping track and at one...and we got through several of the motions and there were only three members of the Legislature who hadn't voted for at least one addition to come back into the budget. And I'm not saying that to puff myself up about being a conservative. I say that because I felt very, very, very strongly about what we did as an Appropriations Committee looking at these kinds of issues that always get picked off first because these are poor people. These are people who have nowhere else to go for healthcare in this state, and there are more and more and more of them. I am going to vote for two overrides. This will be one of them, and then I'm putting another one up for the centers that are dealing with the investigations for physically abused and sexually abused children. They have no lobbyist. They need us. And I'm not ashamed to stand up here, and none of you should be either, and say there are two or three little parts of this budget that you're willing to stand up here and say these are important things to do. On this particular override that Senator Stuthman is carrying, this is an amount of money that we as an Appropriations Committee couldn't come up with what really needed to be done. And just for the sake of being able to say that we didn't vote to override any of the Governor's vetoes, I'm not willing to back off what we did as a committee, and looking at this and spending weeks on this and saying this is an appropriate amount this year. And let me just give you one example. One of the health centers in Omaha I was on the board of for many years, and between last September...and I'm no longer on that board...between last September and this spring they have started turning away 1,000 people a month. That's 1,000 people who are coming in south Omaha who need help with basic healthcare needs because they don't have the capacity to serve them. This isn't going to get better. Now we want those people here in our state. We want them here to clean our houses, to serve us food, to work in our meat-packing plants. And they don't get healthcare coverage, and it's simply an injustice. Now we can't solve the whole set of healthcare problems for our country. There are huge problems with our