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take anything away from the physicians, but we have to control our expenses. And this is an opportunity for us as a state to control some of the expenses. So I'm giving you that prelude to why the community health centers are important and then bring it down to the fact that the Governor did veto monies that went to the community health centers. Specifically what I'm talking about is approximately \$216,000. And that's all that we're talking about restoring but it's a very important \$216,000 because it locks it into the base. And what that means is that we will go forward with that being the base for funding for the community health centers. And I think that's very important for I have had extended to realize. visits with of community health centers, representatives the their And they are very lobbyists, and other representatives. appreciative of this and they understand that we could have gone for the first year but we didn't do it. That's mostly gone now, by the way, that first year. So they felt that it was the important thing to establish that we were going to restore money to the base. And so that's why our committee determined that we should seek to override the Governor's veto in regard to that one single item. And I think when you consider all that we submitted to the Governor and all that he did veto, that there was a rationale for all of the vetoes, we felt that this one was one that should be reconsidered and we would ask to have that And in consultation with the Governor's Office, overridden. they acknowledge the concern that we have and would not fight us the issue of the override in that connection, on that particular issue. So that's the only one that we felt that we should reconsider and we're asking for you to override the Governor's veto on that one item. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the opening by Senator Don Pederson, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee. Open for discussion. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. First of all, I want to thank the Appropriations Committee for their diligent work on the budget portion and their work on trying to help in the fact of the community health centers. They did have a...there was an attempt, you know, to put the whole works back in, the both years. But that fell