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productive. They can be paying state income taxes. They can be earning money and paying sales taxes. This is truly economic development, not for big business, but for people who will always be young at heart, for people who only want a chance to be productive, not for those lazy bums that can work and won't work. I have often said I'll move heaven and earth to help those who cannot help themselves but I wouldn't lift a finger to help somebody who won't and I suppose right now we are probably helping a lot of people that won't help themselves. I think it is imperative if you believe in economic development, you start where it should be with human beings, with human life, and I would urge you to support this amendment to override this veto to give these hundreds of people who can be productive citizens the opportunity to grow themselves. But if you want to look at it from a purely financial standpoint and that is what we are talking about today, money, then I would say this is the best investment we senators can make for the people of Nebraska. Make nonproductive people productive people and one of the side benefits would be they would be much happier people and they would have useful lives as all of us enjoy. Thank you, senators.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labedz and Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President, members, I, too, rise in total support of Senator Sieck's amendment or motion to override the Governor's veto on the mental retardation programs. Senator Higgins touched on many of the things that we spend money for and I stand here and say we do spend a lot of money on human rights programs, on the alcoholics, the criminals, the poor, the unemployed and I was told that there are 16 children in my district that are on the waiting list. Whether there was none in my district and one in your district I would still stand here in support of the mentally retarded and tell you that these people, any amount of people or children, on that waiting list should be taken care of and if there is any way we can help them with any amount of money, we should think of them first rather than any capital construction or as Senator Higgins says, economic development or even my telecommunications system, anything else, any A bill that we have in this Legislature

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