

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...it goes to a million, seven, in additional money for the override, that's, that's the consideration.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, Senator Wehrbein, when, to use Senator Hall's expression, when we cut to the chase, the fact is that what the Appropriations Committee put in their original budget was yesterday and yesterday's gone. Now we are faced with a situation to see if they really believed in what they were doing, and we do know that there is federal money available right now, which we would acquire if we adopt Senator Hall's amendment, isn't that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That is true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, and my time is up, so I won't proceed.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, colleagues. I think that I would like to just get up and reiterate or echo what Chairman Wehrbein has indicated relative to the Hall amendment. I think that it's clear that these programs are very important or they would not have survived the scrutiny of the Appropriations Committee process in addition to the entire budget process of the Legislature. The...I think that Senator Wesely has done a good job specifically about the Vocational Rehabilitation funds in providing the type of background and information that the entire committee had available to it when it was making its decision through the process. You could do that same, provide that same amount of information relative to the other items, but that's the type of thought process that the committee uses on virtually every line item in determining whether or not programs ought to be a part of the budget. Now, obviously, we are in a very tenuous situation at this point in time because it's the Appropriations Committee's sense, and it is a very inexact science, that the package before you was one that could generate enough support on behalf of the entire Legislature to override. This is somewhat a risk when you take into the consideration the Hall amendment and adding to that, and whether that subtracts or adds to the possibility that the whole package would be successful. So I think that Senator Warner...or Senator Wehrbein has done a very good job in laying out the decision that is before us, and would hope that the members look at this in consideration of the worthiness of each