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PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: I move to override the Governor's veto on LB 77.  
(Signed) Senator Schmit.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit. Just a minute Senator Schmit, before you take over here. Senator Keyes, Senator Keyes, I just wanted to tell you that Senator Schmit's motion was up on the desk ahead of your, and that's the reason we are taking it in that order. Now, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature. I think there has been enough said, all I want to say now is that I move to override the veto.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion of Senator Schmit's motion of LB 77, to override the Governor's veto. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, Mr. President, I rise to support the SENATOR's motion. This bill as I recall was held before the Judiciary Committee, and one of the predominating reasons, the predominating reasons the committee considered the bill in my judgement was the fact that the head of the Highway Patrol, the head of the Highway Patrol indicated inno uncertain terms, that we needed these men. And in our committee we have had a number of people from the Governors responsibility, who under intensive questions by the members of the committee, admitted in some cases, I think that this is one of them, that because of the desire of the administration not to spend money, the need in most of these cases was completely secondary. Now everybody realizes, I think, not necessarily because of a direct observation of contact, but because of what we read, and because of the information we get from those who should know, that the drug problem is really not abated any. The Judiciary Committee under the leadship of Senator, and the bills he's introduced before he came before our committee has done more in this field than any Senator or any Senator that I have every heard of in this body. We've equiped the highway patrol with legal talent in order to prepare cases so they are properly held, and which they are not dismissed when they come before a court. We've given them money for undercover man. We've done everything necessary in order to attempt to control this business. Again I want to say to this body, insofar as I'm concerned, that's need. Need in a case of where there is a known need in the area of drug abuse. And insofar as I'm concerned, only speaking for myself, then the need comes ahead of the veto. And I would hope that you people, you Senator s would override the Governor's veto. Not out of a discourtesy to him, but only if you believe that the drug problem is here, and it's still here and it's probably growing. Now I have a little village in which I have a very definite interest, which we have some few hundred tenants and we have a constant problem, particularly in the field of marijuana. Particularly in the area in which we rent apartments and trailers to the point that it is almost uncontrolable. With-in the last thirty days we have contacted that division of the highway patrol in the area of narcotics, and they are under-staffed. In an area in which we knew we had a problem under the leadship of the mayor, who happened to be my daughterinlaw. She requested and was assigned a man to conduct undercover, but it took at least a week to assign the man to the area, in which he had too much area in my judgement in order to admit it was his responsibility. And how can you measure dollars? Against the possibility that your son or your daughter, or other relatives might be confronted with the problem, because nobody, nobody is