

have on the federal income tax program, the loopholes that reflect on the state income tax. We always go back to a very few that may be abusing the ADC program. If we do we should also stand here and thank Senator Chambers that he is fighting for 65% of the white people that are on ADC programs. He is not just fighting for the black people. I can stand here and say that I am one of the anti-abortion people and fought very hard in the last five years. I still think that anyone who votes on an anti-abortion bill should think very long and hard when they vote against a mother that is trying to take care and possibly an unwed mother that is trying to take care of one child or maybe two children, whatever the case may be and not have enough money to do so. I could not live with one child at \$270 a month. I know that you couldn't and raising it to \$293 is not asking for too much for a mother and one child. I urge the members of this body to vote for the override on the ADC program.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would rise to defend the original recommendation by the Appropriations Committee which is at the level of \$280 a month plus \$70 before I speak on that defense however I want to make another comment. I'm not unaware and I think there has been reference made or precise statements that ADC payments are not very popular that they are generally presumed to be the most unfortunate and the worst of circumstances. The document that was passed out indicates that the median length of time that a family is on ADC is, I can't quite tell but it looks like 1.3 years would be what, 16 months. But I frequently used the figure over the years, the average figure which is slightly longer than that but that is immaterial. The significant thing is that ADC generally, predominantly are helping people out that are in a very difficult time of life and as I recall the great majority of the cases or at least the majority of the cases, families eventually get back together. So my comments which will be in opposition to the motion to override are not directed at ADC. I do rise to support what was the committee's original recommendation of \$280 and \$70, as I recall it was nearly two million dollars higher than the Governor's original recommendation in terms of total cost, the reason for the difference was not in the amount to be paid although the Governor's original recommendation was at \$65 per additional child.