

heard, but I do know that that money will now be infused into the system. So it seems to me that given our tight financial circumstances, given the promise of infusion of the federal funds, given the need for rational growth and not growth simply a product of new monies becoming available, that the better course of action this time is to sustain the Governor's veto and I do do that with a certain amount of sorrow because I did feel in the end that our initial efforts were very solid, responsible efforts. On the other hand, because of our financial crisis, our budgetary shortfall, we do have to make some very careful spending decisions.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Remmers and then Senator Nichol.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President, Senators, I rise to support the motion to override the veto. Like Senator Hefner, I had some reservations about the bill to begin with because I thought some of the raises were too steep when I compared to the neighbor across the river from my district, in Missouri. I also suggested to Senator Nelson at the beginning of this debate on this bill that what might happen to the money that she had hoped for, I told her that there was a good chance that that money might all end up in the general fund, but we passed 280 with the purpose of using that money for the purpose that Senator Nelson had in mind. 280 wouldn't have passed, we wouldn't have 280 at all if it hadn't been for these people sponsoring this bill for the objectives they had in mind. It only got the votes because of the objective. We didn't vote for 280 to put the money in the general fund and I think it's a little bit dishonest if we turn around after the bill is passed and then decide we're going to put the money into the general fund because that isn't what passed the bill. And I think if we're going to be honest about this, that is where the money should go, to the programs that the introducers of this bill had in mind because that is what brought the success to the bill to begin with. So I will support the override. The need is there. I think any of you, every one of you will recognize that the need is there and I'll tell you if you don't think there was some people that were counting on this and are disappointed in the veto, I imagine you've probably received some of the same mail I have. I have had heavier mail on this one than I think any issue I've had this session urging me to vote for the override and that's what I will do.