

mind as we are proceeding to consider this override. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'm going to vote to override the Governor's veto of LB 839. I'm going to encourage you to do the same. I think that this is an issue that has to have symbolic proportions and not real proportions and I think to spend much time dealing with symbolism is a mistake. It seems to me that the Governor has said that he is perfectly supportive of the level of appropriation contained in LB 839. He has said that should we not override the veto, but take the appropriation for the current homestead program and tuck it in some other bill, he will not veto if out, he would support it. So what the Governor is simply saying to us is I prefer your doing it my way as opposed to your way, but I don't have any problem with the end result, says the Governor. Well, I guess in the end I don't mean to get into a child's game of I'm going to do it my way and not your way, but the traditional way we operate in the Nebraska Legislature is that we pass an appropriations bill, the Governor makes a decision that he doesn't like that level of appropriation, the Governor vetoes the appropriation and we then argue the point and override the veto or we sustain it. But we don't make a separate agreement saying, well, we're not going to override the veto and then we're just going to do the same thing in a different bill knowing that you support what we do. And the Governor has indicated that he needs some leverage, so to speak, to effect change this year to the homestead program for next year and I know what the Governor has done. He has introduced a bill. I think it's 1256 which the Revenue Committee will hear tomorrow at one-thirty. I do not know what the committee will do with that particular bill, but I can tell you as a member of the committee I am sympathetic to the basic contours and parameters of that bill. Whether there will be enough other members who would agree me, I can't yet say, but my guess is that the homestead program refinements will receive a fair shake and treatment on the floor of this Legislature between now and the time the session adjourns, that there is no need for any leverage, so to speak, to affect homestead changes. I believe that every last one of us here is concerned by the untoward growth in the homestead expenditure. I'm confident that we would like to at least bring that untoward growth