

the health and education portion, agency operation.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I'll be brief, but I have some concerns about maybe what isn't included in the override attempt and state operations. And I guess, Senator Warner, if I could ask you to yield to a couple of questions. I haven't had time, I just got handed the potential impact of some of these vetoes. As I look at the list the concern I have, and I know we are voting on specific items, and so I first commend the Appropriations Committee in suggesting our priorities be in health and in education. Surely we can't deny people health care, and we can't deny people a good quality education. They are two high priorities. So I would agree with those priorities of the committee. But, as I look at this, I see 139,000 for Legislative Council and perhaps that isn't going to have a major impact. But I know our budget is tight. We were having some difficulty coming up with enough money even to pay for the present level of staffing. I wonder what impacts that would have. The Supreme Court \$300,000, and the district courts, and I know the backlog that they are suffering from, and I'm wondering what is anticipated to occur there. The Department of Revenue \$200,000 not to be overridden. My concern there is, and I know in talking to those people how difficult they are having a time right now dealing with their current budget, let alone a decrease along these lines, and I'm wondering what impairment that will cause in terms of tax collection activity. Game and Parks, they've already...that is 122,000 for Game and Parks, and 122,000, I don't know, maybe they can adjust, but at the same time they've had to delay opening some parks and have had some cutbacks that have curtailed, I think, the quality of some of their programming. So what further erosion of that program will occur? Correction Services takes a \$685,000 hit when they have an increase in population and I'm concerned about what will happen in those areas. Finally, economic development is only \$28,000. But my concern there is I know how tight their budget is, and they are looking at some cutbacks, so there will be no national advertising for the state, NTAC is on the block and a few other ideas are circulating on their already tight budget. I guess I missed one that I should have mentioned, that is the State Patrol, 363,000 seems like a pretty big hit for that agency. So some of the major cuts in some of these major agencies, although they are not included in the overrides, concern me. You dealt with what was chosen to be overridden, but was there a feeling that these other areas were not a problem, or do you feel comfortable that the budgets are adequate to deal with their concerns? Could you just address