

vote aye, opposed nay. Ceasing debate. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 11 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Warner, do you wish to close on the second portion, which is called county aid, Medicaid.

SENATOR WARNER: Again, Mr. President, the kind of issue has been said now several times. It is not an issue of property tax relief. It is not an issue of priority of spending. It is an issue of equity that the veto creates, and it is an inequity that is created. We were aware, for example, as you went through those counties that are at the 50 cent constitutional limit. And I'm not sure, but I think all of them, at least if not all, most of them that are at that limit or may well be at that limit next year, and there are more, will find themselves suffering a loss in state aid when the Medicaid and the distribution of the general state aid is taken into account. Now there would have been another option, I suppose. We could have proposed and drafted legislation to delay the Medicaid for one year in order to avoid the expense. But that, too, would be breaking faith with the commitment that had been made. We broke it once when we were to do it all in one year, phase in with three. And it would be hard to justify that breaking of that commitment a second time. So, because of the inequity, I would urge that you vote to override. But you must understand that this overriding of this veto, and it is true as Senator Abboud says, this one will necessitate some additional revenue. But it is not related to future goals, as was the first override. It is a simple question of equity.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the overriding of the Governor's veto having to do with county aid, Medicaid, in the amount of \$7,530,798. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please. Excuse me. Record. Yes, go ahead and record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 2284 of the Legislative Journal.) 35 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to override that portion relating to county aid.

SPEAKER NICHOL: That portion of the veto is overridden.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have is also from the