

Appropriations Committee. It relates to other state aid. (The third Appropriations Committee motion to override appears on page 2284 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the two items here is a 3 percent reduction in state aid to the elementary and secondary schools in the amount of 3.8 million, and a reduction in aid to tech colleges 673,000. In the discussion on this issue there were two things that were talked about in the committee. Obviously it is a broad concept of placing education at a higher priority for what limited funds we may have. Both of these functions would come under that guide. There was some, but I would have to say more limited, discussion. But there was recognition of the fact that it could perhaps result in higher property tax locally to make up the difference. We recognize that the option is there perhaps to reduce their budget. But that is not as flexible as we perhaps would like to think it might be. But that option is there. We recognize that we had enacted legislation that authorized tech colleges to assess higher property tax so they can make up the loss. There are a number of alternatives for these two institu...these two segments of our educational system to not need the override because they have other sources. But in keeping with more importantly that broad principle that has been articulated by other members earlier, of the importance of maintaining quality of education and recognizing that quality education is related to cost, then it seemed appropriate then that we include this as a third priority and recommend its enactment to provide the minimum amount of disturbance to these local governments in their budgets. Obviously there is no increase involved. If this is not done it reduces the amount of aid they currently are receiving. It was flat to start with. In keeping then with those overall goals, I would recommend the override of these vetoes too. If you do, based upon what we currently have done, there would be a total of \$17.5 million of overrides which will require some adjustments in tax rates to provide adequate reserves as well as the funding.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, then Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Again, I'd like to have the question divided, if I might. The chart is broken down to show a veto override of \$3.8 million for local schools, and a veto override of 673,000 for the technical schools. I'd like to have the