

PRESIDENT: Is there anyone else who wishes to speak on the MAT line-item? Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I would urge the override of this for one reason only. The majority of our senior citizens that are unable to drive anymore, this is their only form of transportation and their only link to the outside world, their only way to get out to enjoy our public parks, to go shopping to the grocery store, to go to the doctor. Simply because they either cannot afford a car or because of some infirmity they are no longer able to drive a car and they have to use the bus service. So for that reason I will vote to override the Governor's veto on that and I would urge the body to do so. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: There being no other lights for recognition, the Chair recognizes Senator Warner to close. This is on the MAT bus line.

SENATOR WARNER: Again, Mr. President, I recognize that many of us here are not affected if this override fails, but in a very real sense we are affected and, as a matter of fact, in the long run we definitely will be affected, because unless we can assist Metro with the acquisition of these buses, the one-time opportunity for some \$4 million in federal funds may well go away, in fact, I understand it will. And the reduced...the increased efficiency that will be attained will obviously lessen the necessity of consideration for state funds for operating costs as further federal reductions also occur and will permit them to not only have greater efficiency but because of the consumption but also because of the change in the size of the buses, they were going to be better able to serve those areas where there is less number of riders but a need to provide a service and because of all those considerations, I would hope you would override this \$800,000 veto.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to override the veto concerning the Metropolitan Area Transport bus line of the budget bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The motion is to override the veto concerning the Metropolitan Area Transport bus service. You are voting, the question is put to you, vote aye or nay. This is the vote. You are to vote aye or nay on the Metropolitan Area Transport line-item veto. Shall it be overridden? Please record your vote aye or nay. Please record your vote. The Chair will allow 15 seconds for you to record your vote. Shall the Metropolitan Area Transport system