

line-item veto be overridden? Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Vote shall the line-item veto concerning Metropolitan Area Transport bus be overridden? Have you all voted? Record your vote. Record the vote.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 2287 of the Legislative Journal.) 32 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President, on the override of the line-item veto relating to the Metro Transit Authority.

PRESIDENT: The veto is overridden. We next proceed to the small watershed item under Section 3. Senator Hall. Senator Warner, I will ask you...you may present the argument for the committee.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have indicated part of the rationale for including this particular override. There is, I think I should perhaps comment at this point at the broader issue as well. There were three items included in the veto that affects the conservation program of this state and failure to override any or all of them does have some detrimental effect. The reason that we only singled out this particular one is the fact that, I have indicated before, it is projects currently under way to complete the necessary flood control measures above DeWitt, primarily, and is necessary for this 200,000. When we come to the other projects it should be clearly understood that if we do not override the Resource Development Fund which the committee is not proposing, but it should be clearly understood that in that process that we will go into next year's continuation budget with about \$100,000 in the base and it is going to be necessary next year to continue the work on the projects currently under way and the reason they can function this way is there is carry-over money from previous years that would allow the current projects to be continued. The other thing that would occur, there were a couple of large projects that were abandoned by local sponsorship which reduced the amount of need for the current year. But it will be necessary to have around 900 to \$1 million increase in this fund next year for the projects that will be continued. And, secondly, and equally important, it will probably be another 2, \$2.5 million of additional appropriation in order to put those projects on line that otherwise would not be able to be started next year. I appreciate that when we did not recommend these other projects that in a sense it may delay progress on them because it would be uncertainty as to whether or not the appropriation could be made next year. But I can only say that it would be, I am sure, the understanding of