

SENATOR HEFNER: And then, number two, take the three agencies together.

CLERK: Together?

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes.

CLERK: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question shall be divided accordingly. Senator Marsh, do you wish to speak on the mental retardation aid item?

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of our body, we have made wise decisions collectively today. I am very proud to be a member of this legislative body and I will continue to support these next two vitally important override issues. We are talking about those least able to speak for themselves in many instances. We are talking about mental retardation and we also are talking about advocacy agencies. I will vote to override. These aren't very many dollars compared to the action we have already taken on the floor, but this may be the most important votes, these next two votes, of all we have made today. I urge your continuing support for the needs of those who are not here before us today, who haven't hired high-paid lobbyists to speak to us about this issue, who have grass roots, who have grass roots in each legislative district, who look to us to cast the important votes and it will come soon. Thank you for your attention, the almost quiet. Let's do the right thing with our vote on the next two items.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. Senator Barrett, do you wish to speak on this line-item? Mental retardation.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, I do, briefly. I want to stand in support of the override of the \$1,200,000 specifically for the community mental retardation services, which I believe was added on the floor of this Legislature recently. I have seen too many successes out there. I can name too many individuals who have benefited immeasurably from the community mental retardation services. In all good conscience, and it is difficult for me to vote green on some these issues, but in all good conscience I can't justify this cut. I have seen too many clients that are contributing. I have seen too much dedication from not only clients themselves, not only from the professionals involved but from families, from parents,