

those that make the various programs work. I think the mental retardation aid is something that works. I have seen too much good coming from these programs and I simply cannot ignore what I have seen out there and I think the override is justifiable. You know, the Governor has said that it is the bureaucracies of government that will have to adjust to these vetoes and not the people. But I think the Governor is wrong. Government is not a bureaucracy, rather government is the people. It is that simple. It is the government that is working for the people. Government is supposedly serving the people and it is the people, at least a few in this area, who will be hurt by this particular veto. Some of these people are not healthy. Most of them are not. Some of them are mentally ill. Some of them are physically disabled. Some of them are mentally retarded. Some of these people are kids. They are kids that don't vote, kids that don't have a tremendously powerful lobby out there behind the glass in their behalf. Some of them are striving to get an education in some of our universities and state colleges that are still reeling from some of the cuts that they have taken in the last few years. Some of these people that we are talking about are property owners, as a matter of fact, who will be faced with higher property taxes. These are the people that the Governor would adversely affect with his veto. These are the people that the government, in this case the Legislature, I believe should help. I think we should support them, we should represent them by overriding the Governor's veto. I simply cannot disregard the consequences that I see coming down the pike to the children and the adults with MR. I recommend an override of the veto. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Can we have a little less conversation, please. Keep your conversation down. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I don't think much needs to be said at all other than to underline the fact that we are dealing now with elemental and fundamental justice. Many millions of dollars have been restored to the budget and now we are down to those who have the greatest need. Unfortunately, they usually wind up in last place in life as they are in last place for our consideration today. But, as all of you know, there is an expression that says, the last shall be first. So, in this instance, I hope, even though they are the last on the list for consideration, they will be first in terms of receiving the greatest number of votes on this override motion. I support it and, for once, I don't have much doubt that the Legislature will do this thing