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SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, again, this is the last one which was included in those items that the Appropriations Committee thought should be considered by the Legislature. The funding for these programs, of course, were not included in the original appropriations but were added here on the floor.

PRESIDENT: The call of the house is raised.

SENATOR WARNER: From my own personal position, it was one which I supported, not the continuation of the agencies, but you have decided to do that. And if you are going to decide to continue the agency, then the issue it would seem to me that you are addressing is whether or not adequate funding is to be there to accomplish the purposes for which you believe the agency should exist. It would seem to me on that basis that perhaps you would want to support the override here as well, because, obviously, if a program is to be in place, then it ought to have sufficient funding to do what you expect of that agency or else it should not be funded at all and that is not the choice. The choice is adequate funding to do what you felt should be done. So, with that, Mr. President, I, personally, will support the motion for that purpose.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, there are three good reasons to vote for this override. First, it is consistent with the theory that the Appropriations Committee has brought to us on these overrides, health and education. These Commissions do work in those areas. Foremost, they do education in how the process works, how to come down here and represent yourself and that is meant work on things like the lazy bankers' bill a number of years ago, retrocession, the Mexican-American Commission's newsletter to that community, career counseling for women, the Displaced Homemakers' programs which were the teaching of survival skills in many respects, in other words, these Commissions that had the oversight of a lot of very important education. Secondly, with respect to health, they have been leaders in the area of domestic violence and programs to assist and curb that social phenomenon. With respect to alcohol programs on reservations, those can certainly be seen as health programs. The kinds of services that the Scottsbluff section of the Mexican-American Commission has meant for migrant workers has meant better health out in that area as well. Education and health is the underlying theme of the

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