

into greater detail about how he handled the retirement bill. But he told me as recently as Friday evening not only that he was leaning more toward signing it than not but that he was writing the rationale for it and he was going to spend Friday night and Saturday morning doing that. Then he vetoed it. While talking about that bill, I asked what he intended to do about these commissions. He said, well, I am not going to do much to them because we are only talking about nickels and dimes there. So he cuts the heart out of them. I don't understand Governor Kerrey. I thought that I did. It wouldn't be difficult for the Legislature to override this particular proposition. First of all, not much money is involved. Secondly, we had several sessions of blood-lettings on this floor in hammering out the arrangement that led to the commissions, two of them being retained, and then the funding for all three. So I hope we will reconfirm that vote on this proposition. It would be very easy, I think, for some members to uphold the Governor's veto, but I think it would be grossly unfair. I am not even talking now about the noble ideas that Senator Landis articulated in trying to justify a vote to override. I am talking about justice in terms of the principle established here this afternoon in dealing with every other proposition that has come before us that had been vetoed by the Governor. To take these, which are indeed the weakest and probably those having the fewest friends, and cut them down after everything else has been taken care of, would be like Noah on his Ark having taken in all of the animals, then a motherless and fatherless child coming to the Ark and knocking on the door and Noah saying, because you don't have a mother and a father, you cannot come in, there is not sufficient room for you on the Ark. Or, to use another example, there is no room for you in the inn, if we are going to deal with it on that basis. I hope you will vote to override the Governor's veto.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President. I am not sure that this is meanspirited or someone who is having real problems and I am not sure what the problems are. But the kinds of vetoes that were made, I ask myself the question, is this person ill? I want each person in the legislative body to know that a strong majority of us have overridden the other proposed overrides. This is the last one that comes as action from the Appropriations Committee. We are talking about agencies which are representatives of persons who need assistance, who provide volunteer service throughout the State of Nebraska for