

individuals who need assistance. We are at the dividing line right now. The two that were together were divided. I urge some of you who chose not to support the agencies previously to say, in fairness, the item I wanted has already been adopted, therefore, I will play the game for fair play for all members of the legislative body and not take my personal vindictiveness out by refusing to override on this issue alone. Yes, there have been some no votes cast on most of the overrides but now we are down to the nitty gritty. The women in the State of Nebraska, the minority groups who do not have a very loud voice in this body, need those of us who want to play fair to be a spokesperson for those agencies. I sincerely support the override motion. I urge you to do likewise. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I was called Friday afternoon by Virginia Walsh who lives in Senator Hoagland's district and she asked me if I would vote to override the Governor's veto of the advocacy commissions. And I said, no, I wasn't going to do that. I said that it seemed to me it was important that we stand firm on a responsible budget. So I have sat here this afternoon standing firm on a responsible budget, gritting my teeth as I voted against the override of the mental retardation money and right on down the line and I have watched all these vetoes be overridden, every last one, \$4.7 million for operations; \$600,000 for mental health; \$100,000 for Scottsbluff nursing, of course, that was in one package; just right on down the line. And I said to myself, you know, I am not...I am going to vote to override the veto for the advocacy commissions. I am going to do that because to go through this list and accept every override except the last one would be to engage in absolutely rank tokenism. It would be to say, we can give the Women's Advocacy Commission \$49,000 and the Mexican-Americans \$48,000 and the Indian Commission \$35,000, we will sustain that one veto and override the rest. To me, that is rank tokenism and so I have just changed my conversation with Virginia Walsh and I ask you to do the same thing and vote to override this veto.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp. I guess maybe we have reached the point...Senator Marsh, did you wish to...?

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President. I would request a call of the house before this vote is taken as I close on this