

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, it should not be misunderstood that this motion comes up immediately after the override as if because of the override on the sales tax it makes a difference on this motion because it does not add. It does add but it doesn't add to the reason for a tax. LB 1252 had two items in it, a \$1.5 million of General Fund appropriation, as you know, is for the deferred maintenance and commonly referred to as the 309 Committee. Over the years we have historically, at least, attempted to maintain a fairly level appropriation for that purpose. Unfortunately, when we got in difficult times we did what one always does is defer some of that work. Usually, as you well know, when you defer the maintenance of a structure you add to the cost at some later date. If this is overridden, it will not add to any problem, in my opinion. All of you know there are I think four or five members of the Legislature that serve on the special 309 Task Force. If this is overridden, I am sure it will be those senators' strong recommendation to the Department of Administrative Services, and specifically the program which this is in, that no commitment of this \$1.5 million be made certainly during the first half of the fiscal year. And in the event that receipts are a problem then it could always be lapsed at the end of the year or changed in a deficit bill to be reduced, but should we not have significant problems then the funds would be there and appropriated and could be obligated the second half of the fiscal year and some of that maintenance and repair work that needs to be done could be accomplished. The other portion of the veto deals with the possibility of purchase of a facility, a building across the street from the State Office Building. In this case whether you override this or not does not affect the figures that you have passed out this morning, that 800,000, as they are presented to you. The way in which the funds for that possible acquisition of that building is proposed was the lapsing of interest on what is known as Social Security fund, which will be one-time money, in all probability, because the federal government is changing payout at that time for Social Security or probably will, at least, but those funds were lapsed to the revolving fund together with other funds in the revolving fund collected through the use of the Transportation Services Bureau. And this facility, if acquired, we would have until March 1st under the bill to do it. If this facility was acquired, it would provide space for the Transportation Services Bureau parking which are now in leased facilities. The appropriation bill also authorizes in that lease facility, if the building is not purchased prior to