

this going, we've tried for years to get it going again. It is one of those things that the Legislature cut in '85 and '86. I know Senator Warner tells the story, I don't know if it is something absolutely true, but of all the things they cut back in the Memorial Day massacre, of all the things they cut back then, they have all been reinstated. The Mexican-American Commission, the College at Curtis, the Indian Commission, Commission on the Status of Women, go on down the line, they have all been reinstated but this one, and Senator Rod Johnson has a bill on Final Reading that will do that. Senator Johnson, if this gets on, will you not move your bill? You'd still move your bill, or this is in lieu of your bill?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Senator, I would probably at least give it a chance to be moved but, actually, this figure, even though it is substantially less than what is in LB 142, I would take what this body could give, and I think this would be a reasonable sum. At least it would get the program started again, probably fund somewhere between five and six ADC specialists that would cover the entire state. So I think it would be...I would probably drop my pursuit of LB 142, if I could get this. Obviously, as you know, when these bills get to the Governor's desk, the Governor can item-line veto these things out of the budget. So I hate to put all my eggs in one basket at this point, Senator.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Senator Johnson, and you know what gives the Governor cause to veto things like this is because the Legislature adds so much more than there is to spend. That is why it happens. But, nevertheless, Senator Johnson, I respect the fact you are saving us a little bit of money, but it is just one of those things. Whenever we cut something, it eventually comes back up like mushrooms someplace else. And it is very frustrating when you...I don't know if we are going to have to take more...you know, what is going to happen in the 2 percent across the board cuts that the Legislature has already mandated for this year. Comes July 1, there are going to be state agencies that in managing those 2 percent cuts, they are going to cut something we don't like, and then we are going to come back and fight the battle to put it back in. At least in this particular situation, I can't say that it is not a worthwhile program, but it is one of those things after you do the pain of cutting it, after you say no to lifting the Governor's veto for a number of years, maybe third time is charm but certainly, in my opinion, although it is a worthwhile program, the way it