

reference to minority students is not a strong argument, and it's not persuasive to me. If that were the only reason I was asked to vote for this override, I would have no reason whatsoever. If I was asked to vote for it because of a consistency in the body in treating people fairly, I would not vote for it. So why am I going to vote for it? Because I told young Cavanaugh that I would. We discussed it, we discussed the proposition when it was to be voted on in the first instance. And I saw some value based on the arguments he gave me in making this program available. And I let him know that if I vote for it now my principles and my conviction on it will not change between now and when the Governor may send back a veto. So, unlike some people here, where the Governor's veto pen alters their principles, that does not work with me. But because I've committed myself in that fashion does not mean I cannot comment on other votes that are given by this body. Our employees are viewed by members of the Legislature, in a lot of instances, as adjuncts to the furnishings of the office. They're like a desk, a chair, a carpet, a lamp, and you just treat them like that, pop the finger, hey you. They're not given a lot of respect, and a lot of them talk to me about the way they're treated. And maybe they come to me because I see them as people. And people, when it comes to humanity, have as much intrinsic value as anybody on the floor of this Legislature. It's not a badge or a title or position that should determine your worth and value as a human being. And in a society where we judge the value of a thing or person by the compensation received, we have an obligation to do better than we're doing by ours. Yes, the emotions of defeat are weighing heavy upon me. And I speak while I feel this way to let it be clear that it's not going...

**SPEAKER BAACK:** One minute.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** ...to affect my vote on something such as my good friend, Senator Lindsay, brings, although he voted against our employees, and Senator Landis who voted against our employees. It's difficult, Senator Schrock. And it is alluring to give a no vote to say I got ya back. But that is not really the way we should legislate, and I mention that to let you know that I feel the temptation, like I'm sure everybody does on this floor, but I shall not yield to temptation. But I'll tell you this, Senator Lindsay, Senator Lindsay, I'm fighting against temptation, so you better hurry up and get your vote.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Withem.