

here talking, I would just as soon that none of us were placed in the situation that we're placed in this afternoon. You know what Senator Lindsay, Senator Hall, Senator Pedersen have all said relative to the need for enhancing the salaries of probation officers I'm certain is absolutely true. But I want to let you know exactly where we're at, because I'm not sure everybody totally understands this scenario or completely comprehends the scenario that we're in. I think everyone is assuming that we're taking the dollar amount that was left in LB 1136 and passed over to the Governor's office after Final Reading of \$4.2 million, and that whatever we override at this point is going to be deducted from that \$4.2 million. Listen carefully, that is not what we're dealing with. The Governor is starting with a number considerably less than the 4 million. He's looking at this, to begin with, to treat it equally with teachers salaries, mental health road map, many of the other issues, he's trying to treat it equally, and he's already pledged to cut it approximately in half, somewhere between 2 million and 2.5 million before he starts deducting the amount that we override. Has everyone...did everyone hear me? We aren't starting with \$4 million, we're starting with approximately half of that, and then we're going to deduct. Now, everyone...I'm not going to talk against these probation officers, they're great people, I voted for this, and I don't feel bad about voting for it. But all of you have to understand the whole scenario and make up your own mind. I'm not going to try to talk you out of voting for the override, I'm not going to try to talk you into sustaining it. But I think it's very obvious that the people that I represent, the people that are totally vulnerable, those are employees that aren't, Senator Pedersen, making 16, 18, 19 thousand dollars a year, but employees that are making four thirty-five, five and a quarter to bring their salaries in line with people that are state employees, and people are receiving no services whatsoever, that's what I'm asking you to do in LB 1136. And you have to make up your own mind. And I'm sorry you're placed in this position. I feel truly, truly bad about that. I wish we would have had time to deal with this in an individual basis, but we don't. So I'm going to ask you to please, please search your souls, please think where you want to be and make your decision accordingly. Thank you for your time.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Crosby. I have a couple