

asked that the amendment be offered. At the present time the reduction of funds from the federal government has resulted in a reduction of staff from 18 to 12 and a quarter persons. If we do not restore this \$100,000, it will require the reduction of an additional 5 persons. Now there are, of course, a number of state mandated responsibilities that we have given to this agency over the years, and I recognize fully that it is the policy of the Appropriations Committee in most instances not to replace lost federal dollars, and I can agree with that in many instances. However, I would suggest that we have already reduced the agency drastically and to enforce this additional \$109,000 reduction would be almost a fifty percent reduction in the budget of the Crime Commission. Now if it is the desire of the body that the Commission not perform certain responsibilities, then I believe we should delineate those responsibilities which we determine that they should not carry out. But if we feel that the Crime Commission does have, in fact, some responsibility for those state mandated programs, then I feel that the Governor is entirely justified, and I concur with him in asking for the restoration of \$100,000 of the \$109,000 that was taken away. I am not going to go into great detail. It is a \$100,000 restoration, not addition but restoration of funds eliminated by the Appropriations Committee from the Governor's recommended budget. I ask you to support the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, I support this amendment by Senator Schmit and concur wholeheartedly with the restoration of at least \$100,000 to the Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. If you will recall, I pointed this out on General File that it was a little misleading to see the same amount, the \$238,000, but of that \$238,000 the \$109,978 which was added to that amount to make what we thought was the Governor's budget request, is federal funds which are due to be eliminated in September of this year. Those funds are earmarked for special programs which will be discontinued in September of this year. There is no way they can use them now for other things, and they will be gone in September. The Governor did request or did set aside in his budget \$238,000 in General Funds, not federal funds. Now remember this year we have switched the Criminal Reparations Board over to the Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. We have amended that to also include the Jail Standards Board under the Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. Now the reason for switching these under that Commission was so they would have staff support and importantly an attorney