

about. This is then sort of the full circle of the 518 program or closing the circle of the 518 program which we passed a couple of years ago. It has been extremely successful in helping individuals break the cycle of poverty and find work and ensure that they will not be without income to feed their families. Those of you who want to or support philosophically the idea of welfare as a maintenance program until work can be found, I think, would want to continue to support programs such as this one. So, with that, I would urge that this portion of the override...or this portion of the veto be overridden and relinquish the rest of my time to Senator Crosby, but I'm sure she's probably got her light on to talk as well. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will just quickly talk about the part of this particular override that has to do with the domestic violence money that we had asked for of the Appropriations Committee. Originally, we had asked for \$100,000 for the two years and they gave us \$35,000 which is a total of \$70,000 for the two years. And now with this veto it...I want to read one little thing to you and then I will just give you a couple of statistics and not take too much of your time. This is from the Handbook on...a Handbook For Battered Women. And this is a quote from a survivor, 34-year-old woman. "I didn't want to admit that I was a battered woman, that these terrible things were really going on in my home. I felt dirty and ashamed as though I had done something wrong, but when I did face it and say I am a battered woman, I found there was help out there for me. That's the point that I want to make all across the state, every county is covered in the State of Nebraska with an area domestic violence program; Family Rescue Services in Gordon, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Abuse...Sexual Assault Services in McCook, Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program in Ogallala. From Norfolk, I have this from the Norfolk Task Force on domestic violence, this quote. "They serve a population of over 100,000 persons in an eight-county area with over 7,000 square miles. And in the past year the Norfolk Task Force has seen a 68 percent increase in victims of domestic violence and their children sheltered in Norfolk." These shelters become more and more essential to us every day and I think that \$35,000 I know is not a...it's not a huge amount of money in relevance to other amounts. It's not a small amount either. You can buy a fairly decent home sometimes for \$35,000, so there's a little parenthesis that you can put the figure