

it not true, Senator, that the Victim/Witness Program took a 44,000 dollar cut from your Appropriations Committee?

SENATOR MOORE: No.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Okay, then...I went to a country school, but I learned how to subtract 44 thousand from 100. It leaves you with 56. It's my understanding there was 56,000 left in the program for Victim/Witness. Would you explain that?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, on the General Fund side, yes; on the total fund side, no.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And so...thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Moore is following the same philosophy as he followed recently on the argument between the University and Kearney State or University of Nebraska at Kearney. The theory is, if you increase the overall spending, that everyone ought to be happy. The facts are there are differences in the programs and the Victim/Witness program has been curtailed. There is an increase or a leveling of the Domestic Violence, but they are different programs and they ought not to be confused, and Senator Moore is attempting to confuse you. And I would ask that you support this program. Remember, we just put 3 million bucks in the pot for the new addition to the penitentiary so we can change from the dormitory style housing out there to the Hyatt-Regency style funding for the inmates at the penitentiary. I don't know that's all bad, but that's the way it is today. We have to meet certain standards. The people who do not have the federal government or the state government look out for them is the poor devil who gets rapped over the head, who gets kicked in the rear end and has to shift for himself. I think we ought to keep the funds where they're at. I ask for your support.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit, for your closing. I would remind the senators that we are under call. Would you please be seated so we can proceed with the vote. Would you please be seated. We will proceed with the vote on the Schmit amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted on the Schmit amendment? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 2408-09 of the Legislative Journal.) 13 ayes, 20 nays, Madam President.