

SENATOR CONWAY: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...in additional to the physical pain and other problems all of the financial burden. And, therefore, I would like to see us support the Pirsch amendment. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Pirsch, your light's on.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. Senator Hartnett, just told me I ought to tell you that while the domestic violence program...and I hate to keep making comparisons, was increased in this amendment or committee amendment was increased from 500,000 with another additional 250,000 that the victims' compensation General Fund allocation was cut from \$143,720 to \$56,600, and in '92-93 a cut again to 42,485. Now Senator Moore talked about the increases because we have more hearing officers, well, believe me, we still have the same number of victims and, in fact, according to the 1990, which was released May, 1991, crime in Nebraska, the violent crimes of murder, manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and felony assault increased by 705 crimes, an increase of 16 percent over 1989. Robbery was the only violent crime which showed a decrease in 1990. Could I have another Page, please. Now I am passing out to you a, did you know, kind of a fact sheet about...and I've indicated some. And, again, I made comparison. Domestic violence is wonderful, I support that. I introduced the protection order between spouses and those living or having lived together. But strangers commit the most violent crimes. Strangers commit the most violent crimes. And I am concerned about all crime victims. Crime reparations is for all victims. It's for domestic violence victims if they do not contribute to their victimization, if they are truly innocent victims of a violent crime. But also it serves those who are accosted by strangers, are raped, murdered, assaulted. About one in ten murders begins as a robbery, and you will remember we talked about Walking Willie Otey and how he simply started to rob. Could happen to any of us anywhere in the State of Nebraska. I thought this was interesting. The chance of being a violent crime victim is greater than being hurt in a traffic accident. I thought that was astounding. And this is...five, six of us will be victims of a violent crime in our lives. In Nebraska, I think those statistics are a little bit lower. We have, again, thank God, less violence than some other states and communities. Repeat