

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yeah, well, the fiscal '92-93 would compensate what we expend for '91-92, and, of course, that's why my next amendment. I front-loaded the amendment to try to compensate for that.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Without the amendment, do I understand there will be no funds whatsoever from February to July of 1992? Is that correct?

SENATOR PIRSCH: That's...that's a good point. In July, because we had appropriated funds, we could compensate victims. But, believe me, in the State of Nebraska don't be a victim of a violent crime after February or March because you're not going to get compensated like those who were victimized before that. That's not fair. That's not equitable.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Also, the program of domestic violence, do those participants, in some cases, receive funds also from this particular...for the crime (interruption)?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes, they do. They have to meet the criteria but, yes, the compensation has paid many domestic violence victims.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Uh-huh.

SENATOR HILLMAN: It's too bad we don't have the funds for both programs, and this is difficult. And I suppose one of the reasons I'm...very good reason why I'm interested in this is because of the personal experience that we had with a young lady that was formerly our foster daughter, after she had left our home, but was raped and very badly beaten and was unaware of the program. The program was brought to her attention and the local police department did apply for funding on her behalf. After a two-year period, she received some monetary compensation, didn't cover all of her bills, but she made the remark that after two years she finally felt that somebody finally understood and that how much it helped. She felt that somebody finally cared. So we'll see what your next amendment brings, Senator Pirsch. But I think probably I will be supporting Senator Pirsch's amendment.