

SENATOR PIRSCH: The...what is the state's responsibility to victims when they...when they promise them compensation for being a victim of violent crime? Is that...

SENATOR LINDSAY: I'm not familiar enough with the statute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...reliable?

SENATOR LINDSAY: I'll take a look at it but I'm not familiar enough. But generally if you have an entitlement...if once somebody has done everything necessary to obtain an entitlement, they are entitled to that payment. I'm not sure how this particular statute is...

SENATOR PIRSCH: It seems to me it's very discriminatory if you're a victim between September and December and you get compensated, but if you're a victim in January, February or March, forget it, sorry, folks. It seems to me very discriminatory. I guess, to address the amendment, I will not be supporting the Moore amendment. I guess, search your own hearts. If you support this amendment, I would...I will...I will take that as support for the original amendment and go with the wishes of the body. And, I guess, it's in your hands..

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute. Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Pirsch, your light is next, did you wish to continue or...? Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess, I would rise in opposition to the Moore amendment. I think what Senator Pirsch has been talking about, about the state making a commitment to crime victims is, indeed, something we have to look at. The state has made that commitment, just doesn't want to fund it. We've...when Senator Pirsch says that if you get injured in a...as a victim of a crime and you meet all the qualifications, I guess we should remind, Senator Pirsch handed out a handout that says all the guidelines you have to meet. And what we're talking about is people who have absolutely no other place to look for any type of compensation. Those are...those are the qualifications that the state sets forth. But if that happens, you better make sure you get injured in a crime in the fall because come springtime we don't have any money for you. We...what we're doing is just saying we're only going to make a halfway commitment, we're not really going