

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, I think those things should be clear, because...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Uh-huh.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...this is...and I'm certainly not against victims of crime being compensated, that's not the point, but I just thought those things should be made clear that we're talking about people who have already made claims,...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...not necessarily someone except in an emergency that there might be some funds available to help during that period after you are a victim of a violent crime. So that was my only reason. And if...I probably...I'm just not going to support at the moment. But if you bring the next amendment, why then I will defend my money. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Pirsch, I wanted to comment on a couple points that both you and Senator Lindsay made and I don't think that you are possibly appreciating the picture that...that Senator Moore and I are trying to paint. Actually, this amendment is a very helpful amendment to you. It's very helpful. Number one, the \$89,000 that you refer to that are payments that are to be made but cannot be made will be taken care of with the Moore and Bernard-Stevens amendment. You will have \$125,000 to do that. If there are other payments, there will be still some funds left over that they would be able to do and if other claims come through and they'll be paid, they will follow the procedure as they always will do. They will come before the Appropriations Committee and they will say, and the building of the biennial budget starting in January, this is what we're going to need in order to make these payments and we will meet that need as best we can. Okay, so that emergency thing will be taken care of with the amendment. My concern is on the overall picture there are some things that maybe need to be discussed. Senator Ashford is going to have a bill coming up probably tomorrow, and 1272, I think, is the name, calling for a \$1.7 million reduction in the payments to wards of the courts that go to the school districts. If that bill, for example,