

does not advance, if it would not advance, then we, on the Appropriations Committee, are going to have to find one point five or so million dollars to cut from the budget. Assuming, for a minute, that we don't do that in the body because we don't want to cut anything, even a \$25,000 commission, the Governor is going to have to go through and line-item things down. One of the things that happened to Senator Crosby, I, you and others last year is we had 250,000 for domestic abuse and violence. That was penciled out, gone, not a dime. So the Governor has already made it clear that on these types of things if he has to reduce, he has no compunction as far as lining out those things. Your particular bill, if it's a two-year process, it would be very simple for the Governor or for this body to say we can take care of that next year. And, Senator Pirsch, you shake your head but it will happen. It will happen. If they're going to cut...if they're going to cross out a whole \$250,000 for domestic violence and abuse, they will have no compunction in saying, we'll go ahead and do the emergency portion but we'll veto out the other part of it. That's point number one. Point number two is if we're going to talk about kind of foul play or this is not in the best interests of what we're trying to help but we're really not, I would argue that your second amendment is foul play. I would argue that instead of just coming forward and saying, I want to argue that I want to put General Fund monies forward, that...and if I don't get that, I'm going to rob it from the domestic violence and abuse area. And you're going to argue that at some point that one is maybe more important than the other, we should try to do both. Last year, on the domestic violence abuse they got nothing, absolutely nothing as far as the 250,000 extra that we wanted to put in. They did not get any of that \$250,000. In my part of the state, we're not as luxurious or as fortunate as some of the Omaha and Lincoln areas. We don't have domestic and violence headquarters. We don't have offices. We necessarily...we don't have people that can go out in the counties to find out if there is abuse and violence going on. And we need desperately that amount. The committee is going to go and say on the domestic violence, let's go back and put that money in. Senator Pirsch would say, I want to take care of my thing that I really want to do and, oh, by the way, I'm going to steal from the domestic violence and abuse things that in western Nebraska are absolutely critical. I think that's low. I think now we're talking foul play. So let's just be straightforward, let's say, hey, we're going to talk a general appropriation fight. We're going to talk about General Fund monies. We're going to talk about monies that