SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, a couple of points I would like to make. First of all, this is sort of a curious combination of votes here because with the Moore amendment, which is a vote for $125,000 this year, you are at least giving affirmance to Senator Pirsch's request for this year and then if it...if it does not pass, and I suppose we would then have a vote on the straight $125,000 appropriation for the next couple of years, that puts those of us who favor this program in somewhat of a funny position, not knowing exactly what to do, because if we don't get the...if this particular amendment were to fail and the next one fails and there's no money at all, we have to go to domestic violence to take the 125,000. I don't support that. So I'm not sure, at this point, what to do. I do support the program. Senator Pirsch has made a good case for it. But I think we...it just puts us in somewhat of a quandary as to which way to vote on which amendment. But, be that as it may, the second point I would like to make is this. And Senator Bernard-Stevens has stated it. Starting out tomorrow or sometime tomorrow morning we're going to have a debate on LB 1272 which is a $1.7 million cut from the General Fund appropriation. And I guess I would just second what Senator Bernard-Stevens has said. Though there's not, certainly, a direct nexus in the legislation between these programs and LB 1272, if we do not take this cut in LB 1272, we are going to have to go back and take a look at programs like victims' assistance, domestic violence, early childhood education, library automation, private scholarships for private schools, and all of those programs are going to be in jeopardy because there just simply is not enough money in the budget. And so I am going to support Senator Pirsch because I think she's made an excellent case. She's made an excellent case every year on this issue. She's not asking for a significant amount of money compared to the benefit that this program does do. I'm not exactly sure what to do with all these...this amendment and the next amendment because we don't want to be in a position where we have no appropriation. And maybe Senator Pirsch can give us some help on how to handle that. But I will say that all of these programs are in deep, dark jeopardy if we have to go back to the Appropriations Committee and start cutting these programs out of the budget and I know that a lot of them will probably go. So, with that in mind, I am today going to support Senator Pirsch and hope that we can take out of the budget $1.7 million, a program that simply has...has run amuck and gone way outside it's