

original...it's original public policy intent in the wards of the court program and get those dollars allocated to programs where each dollar is going to result in a direct benefit to somebody, like the victims' assistance program and like early childhood education programs, things that this state needs to do. But if we don't take that cut tomorrow...that's fine if we don't, if we don't get the votes to do it, that's fine, I just offer it up to you. I know Senator Moore and I offer that up to you. But if it is not taken, I think we should all think and know that this program, along with many others, are probably going to go. So, with that, I will...I am supporting Senator Pirsch on her efforts. I'm not sure I'll listen to her in her closing to tell me which way to vote. I'm not sure about this amendment and the next amendment, but will have to listen. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Pirsch, you're next.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Question.

SPEAKER BAACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? We are voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. Senator Moore to close.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, quite simply, what this amendment does is it cuts Senator Pirsch's total amendment in half. In its present...Senator Pirsch's amendment, in its pristine form, would have appropriated a quarter of a million dollars for the biennium for the victims' assistance program. If you adopt my amendment, you cut that back and so you're only appropriating \$125,000 for the biennium, all of that money coming in the first fiscal year. And the rationale behind that is, as already mentioned, there are \$89,000 worth of claims that have went through the process, have been approved, but there is no money to fund. If you just adopt my amendment, you at least take care of that particular problem, which I think is one that you can make a good argument that it needs to be taken care of. The other method to my mind, in Senator Bernard-Steyona's