

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well frankly, there's probably two reasons. One is that we tried to make this a bare bones minimum that we felt would be a reasonable thing to do. The Governor has said that they would look at that next year. I agree that the probation should go in. In fact it was in the original proposal that we discussed. But the other reason is that we've spent several million dollars, I don't have that sheet right in front of me, but about ten to twelve million dollars on these areas already this year so it isn't that we haven't done, and that includes APHIS for example for the patrol, some things like that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I don't include things done for the patrol and law enforcement as such in the same category that I include probation money, so I want to distinguish those to try to make my comments as precise as I can at this point. Later on I may become a little scatter gun, but I'm trying to get the rationale for it.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: All right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What would this money have gone for?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Parole officers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Probation officers?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yeah, probation officers. I forgot how many, fourteen I think or eleven.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the Governor felt that they were not essential when he vetoed this money out?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, yes, it was vetoed out apparently. You'd have to read his message for his precise language.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the committee agrees that it is not essential from the standpoint of a legislative policy decision to have these additional probation officers.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well we did at this point, considering the time of the year, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now if we'll drop down to program, to Agency 13, Department of Education.