

important than the Domestic Violence Program and additional probation officers?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well as I said, we cannot fund everything to the degree that we want to and so it's always an issue of priorities. I want to add, we did restore...we added 148,000 to domestic violence and the Governor cut it in half, so we did add to the Domestic Violence Program already, half of which is still in there. We felt the Textbook Loan Program is being used quite extensively across the state. It is not adequately funded. This represents a modest increase and so it's kind of typical of what we do with several programs when there's too many needs and not enough money.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All of these children though are attending school, is that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If we go to another program that I've touched on which is that of Voc Rehab, in that program we actually have people who need the program but cannot be given the services. Isn't that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So the committee felt it's more important to make textbooks available to children who are in school than to make some programs available to people who need them to be able to function who can't get any of those programs at all. That was the rationale of the committee?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, yeah, to some degree because you can't...but on the other hand it's awful hard to take books away from children when they're in school or not have adequate books, so you can make that case either way.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, this is additional money, isn't it?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It is, the 45,000 is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How can this be taking away textbooks when it's to add and those textbooks apparently are not available now in the first place?