

support of adding these three components into the Appropriations Committee package and would hope that you would support them. Rather than pull each of them out, as Senator Chambers would do, I would someone said cut to the chase and add these back in because I think they are areas of concern that I know that I have, and I believe that can well be justified and supported in a motion to override the veto. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Wesely, Wehrbein, and Maurstad.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I wholeheartedly support Senator Hall's amendment and I am going to take my opportunity to talk specifically about these items. I would start with domestic violence because I think there are others who will talk about Voc Rehab. I don't know if Senator Pedersen has his light on to talk about the probation officers, but, at any rate, I am going to start at the bottom and work my way up. When we have hearings at the Judiciary Committee, a lot of the bills that we deal with don't touch the issue of domestic violence directly, but often that subject comes up, and not only the domestic violence itself. That is where a spouse or a parent, in some cases a child, will inflict violence on a member of the household. There are other ramifications besides the physical violence that might be inflicted. We could even consider emotional and psychological harm in this whole area also because there are ways other than physical that domestic violence can occur. Since it is something that is discussed throughout the country, it is certainly recognized as a serious problem. For the amount of good that can be done by reinstating this amount of money that Senator Hall is suggesting by his amendment, I think there is total and absolute justification for this. If some of the decisions being made are political in nature, and by that I meant the person who'd vote for an override is looking over his or her shoulder as to how constituents might respond, this is one of the items I think would be easy to justify. The domestic violence occurs in every community, in every group, whether we mean racial, ethnic, talk about national origin, break the grouping down based on language, economic status, socioeconomic status, regardless of educational level, wherever human beings come together in a setting called domestic, there will be violence in some of those instances. The state would do well in every case possible to prevent harmful things from occurring rather than always try to pick up the pieces afterwards. We