

wind up unable to fund programs that are designed to correct problems because it always takes more to cure than it takes to prevent. The example I give is the one based on what people often speak of as the Band-Aid syndrome, where there is a serious problem, and a much less than adequate remedy is suggested. Perhaps if when a person first got a scratch on the finger, the scratch were cleaned out and a Band-Aid were added, that would be sufficient and the Band-Aid would be not only appropriate treatment but it would be adequate and the problem would be resolved. On the other hand, if we ignore what appears to be a small scratch, and it becomes infected, and a person gets what we used to call in the old days, blood poisoning, whereby the infection spreads through the system, much serious consequences develop and it take a great deal more money to address those problems than it would have to apply the Band-Aid and appropriate treatment at the beginning. If there is anything we can do in the way of education, counseling, or any other approach, to prevent domestic violence from occurring in the first place, that is the desirable thing. Since we know that no education program eradicates all ignorance,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...we know that no health preventative program prevents all diseases and sicknesses, some people are going to be perpetrators of domestic violence, some are going to be victims. So in looking at the totality of the reality, we should be expending money in the way that will give us the most return and go the longest way toward helping to eradicate, or at least bring under control a serious problem in this society. The area of domestic violence, that Senator Hall's amendment addresses is one that I think we should be concerned about and I support his amendment. I support all three of the provisions, but as I stated, I'd like to talk about each one.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wesely, followed by Senators Wehrbein, Maurstad, Bernard-Stevens, and Chambers.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I rise in strong support of the one, at least one of the elements proposed here, that being the Voc Rehab money that Senator Hall has included in his amendment. I won't address all the other elements but I do hope that you have a chance to look at the handout that I gave to you. This is one of those vetoes that I