

license fee and the dollars that were going to be created from that would have been dedicated to rape and domestic violence. The Appropriations Committee, in their wisdom, decided that they didn't like the marriage license increase and there were others on the floor who certainly did not like that as well, but they did agree that we needed to increase funding for rape and domestic violence, particularly since there are so many parts of the state that the rape and domestic violence groups cannot even get out to because they just don't have the dollars to do so. So they did add dollars equal to about what has been created by the marriage license tax, they general funded rape and domestic violence for the two years of the current biennial budget that we are in. The Governor vetoed that, as well as other areas that we had added spending to, and we came then to the end of the session on how we were going to do the overrides and there was a lot of dissension. Many of us wanted to override all of those, just not agreeing with the Governor's projections at all. Others said, no, we need to be on the cautious side. And we basically had one of those compromises at the end. Actually it was Senator Hall that offered the amendment that would override all of the vetoes for the first year of the biennium, not sustain the vetoes, or not override the vetoes in the second year and we would then come back on each of those areas and look at what we should do. There are a lot of things that the Appropriations Committee has added back to cover some of the veto override loss, but to be fair, most of those are at 50 percent. Example would be University of Nebraska, had 4 million, they are going to be funded at 2 in the current proposal we have before us now; state colleges, I believe 50 percent; and even private schools have received some funding. But, for whatever reason, there was never a decision made on rape and domestic violence and I understand how sometimes things just don't happen or maybe it is best that they not make a conscious decision, I don't know. That is not the point. The point is at this point in time, if you look at the Rape and Domestic Violence Program, the second year of the vetoed amount, the second year, which are the funds that were vetoed, was the year they had more dollars put into it. So, if we don't do anything at all and we keep the budget as it is, there are going to be at, actually I have the figures, they would be at 921,300. That is the level they would be in for the first...for...for this time around. In order to make them, the second year they will actually have \$73,000 less. So what we in essence have done is we have told the rape and domestic violence groups, yes,