

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. Just to begin with I am going to break ranks with the Appropriations team and vote for this amendment. I have one quick question. Senator Bernard-Stevens, if the Governor vetoes it again will you try and override?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Absolutely...

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...and that is why I have had to go to this amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay, thank you. Senator Hillman and I on the Appropriations Committee, and other members too, not just Senator Hillman and I, we do have a feeling about community-based programs because, like charity perhaps, the prevention of crime, illness or whatever starts at home. And if we did have more money to have community-based programs for young people and for kids from five years old up and whatever to try to deter them from the path of crime we might not have this dilemma that we have now as to where to put the ones who are older and who have committed crimes that our laws say they have to be in jail for. So I am going to support this, but the other thing, in the past I have introduced amendments and when Senator Bernard-Stevens was on the Appropriations Committee one spectacular year we did get a nice increment for the Domestic Violence Program across the state. I think most of you will remember there are 26 agencies I believe, 26 locations that are the beneficiaries of this money and it is divided up and handed out through the Social Services Department, which I hope that doesn't deter Senator Chambers from supporting. Anyway, I think it does work. The woman who is head of it is very...here in Lincoln, the woman who is head of the Domestic Violence Coalition does a very good job of working with all of these locations across the state, all of the agencies across the state. But one of the reasons that I didn't push it this year in Appropriations is that I think the developmental disability money is so important and so I was working very hard trying not to rock the boat too much because this budget is in a very delicate balance as far as money for this and money for that and so on. And it is true that \$74,000 in relationship to a lot of other budgets isn't very much. But those little ones add up to big ones, to big totals. So that was why we were being careful