

overridden, we did override the first portion which gave them the extra money, but in essence we take it all away the second year because they lose 73,500 because there were more dollars vetoed out that were added to the second year. I am not trying to add in the total vetoed amount. I wish I could. But I know that that is not going to be salable when an override attempt will have to be made. This is a defensible position. We will add back the money so that the dollars we gave them for the first year we don't turn right around and say, gee, I hope you really did good with it, because we are going to take 73,000 away. We at least want people to have consistency and we will keep them flat so that the second year's budget is equal to the first. I'm not adding the extra dollars which would have been 32,000 more. I am not adding that at this point because I just don't think we will be able to hold that. This is one that is defensible, this is one that makes sense and I would very much ask the body to adopt this one because it is something that if we want to get into the root of crime and other things this is one that we need to pay very close attention to. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I look at the piddling amount of money that we are asking for and consider the amount of good that has been done and can be done and am really disappointed that it takes this much effort to try to get so little money which can do so much good. This is a problem that primarily will befall females and children. And maybe that is why the men in this body, some of them, have so little concern or regard for it. They talk, Senator Hilgert, you are a new person here, Senator Klein is a new person and in many of the committee hearings that we have we have representatives from the Christian churches, various denominations talking about the compassion of God, how their religion is compassionate, how the state of Nebraska is a compassionate state and I have heard senators stand on the floor and say, we are compassionate. I have heard them all talk about the rights of victims. Who is more vulnerable in this society than a rape victim, who is more shattered? Who is put in greater terror and feels greater insecurity than a person who at home runs the risk of sexual, physical, psychological abuse? If you cannot be safe at home where can you be safe? Home is supposed to be that concept to which you can flee if only in your mind and draw some kind of sense of well-being or security,