

apologize if I interrupted something, I certainly hope you don't take it out on the...on your vote here. However, just to summarize briefly. Last year the Legislature and the Appropriations Committee put in dollars because there is a great need in the rape and domestic violence. The Governor...and we did that to a lot of institutions, the University of Nebraska, you know, on down the line and they were all vetoed. But Senator Hall made the motion on the final day to override the first half of it the first year but not the second year, and we did so and went home. And if you look at the appropriations budget, many of the areas were restored at their 50 percent level of what the veto would have been. An example I believe would be the university's budget, they lost 4 million but the committee put back 50 percent of that or \$2 million, and you will see that in the budget. State colleges had approximately, I believe, 50 percent put back in. And there was even dollars put in for private education on scholarship program, which will be a topic of the next amendment that I will have, but there was nothing done for rape and domestic violence and to give the committee some credit it is simply because they never got to a discussion on a motion of that. So there just wasn't any action. Because of the dollars that were put in by the Legislature there were more dollars actually in the second year of the biennium for rape and domestic violence than the first year. So when we did not fund any of the vetoes that were not overridden the second year, what the actual realization was is that the budget that they had for the first year of the biennium would technically be reduced by \$73,500. What this amendment does is not restore their total veto of 112,500 but restores to 73,500 so that the second year of the budget they will remain flat or equal to the first year. It doesn't make any sense to me that we give dollars in the first year so that they can begin doing the things that we wanted them to do and then say, oh, by the way, I hope you do a good job and I hope you liked it because the second year you are going to have to cut back 73,500. It is not what we intended and I think this is a defensible position and, yes, I expect that there will be a veto even if I put ten dollars in. I think it will be one of those years. But it is a defensible position where we are trying to keep the agency flat and try to keep this area at equal importance as far as education and other things. I might close by saying that when you look at young people who are getting into juvenile justice problems, and we are all trying to stop crime, one of the things that is a tremendous push, unfortunately, for them into getting