

in their time of crisis. Victim compensation also helps promote cooperation with police and prosecutors and is an essential part of Nebraska's criminal justice system. We also note that Nebraska would lose 40 percent matching fund grant from the federal government to support the...

SENATOR CONWAY: Time.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...compensation program if it fails to provide state resources for the program.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Before we move on to additional speakers, I would like to announce that the Kiwanis Clubs from across the state are visiting the Capitol today. Several of them have been in the balcony and they have been coming and going. So I would like to welcome my fellow Kiwanians from across the state to the Chamber. The next speaker is Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President and members, I reluctantly rise to oppose Senator Pirsch's amendment, not because it's not a worthwhile cause, the only...as I stated before and will state again this is the problem with what it takes to balance the budget. Senator Pirsch had made a reference to some other victims' programs. One of the things the committee tried to do in some things in domestic violence and respite care and some other areas that in the committee's recommendation and now adopted by the Legislature after the committee amendments, some money was recommended to be placed back in the budget for domestic violence as well as respite care. Several of those things were items that were in our recommendation last year, were advanced by this body over to the Governor and then the Governor...it was vetoed out when the Governor had to balance the budget. And so one of the reasons, even in this biennial budget when we try and add back, as a rule of thumb you try and add back the only things that you have a choice on, some of the things that we did put back in were items that were vetoed last year and that was some of the rationale for doing some things and not others. Obviously, Senator Pirsch has a very convincing case in this organization. One thing the body may want to consider, Senator Pirsch, this amendment is \$125,000 each year, correct, Senator Pirsch?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes.