

to...we're not really concerned enough about crime victims to fund it adequately. I think it's important that we do fund it. I think it's important that we fund both years of this. As Senator Moore and Senator Bernard-Stevens advised the body, if we adopt their amendment, they're still opposing the amendment because they're opposing the concept of additional spending for crime victims. I think if we don't adopt both years of the increase at this time, we'll be right back in next year saying another springtime load of victims aren't going to get...aren't to get any compensation. We're not going to take care of them, just as we've...as the Crime Commission has had to tell people this year, and I've had calls about that. I noted, from Senator Pirsch's list, that I've got one of the higher numbers, along with Senator Chambers' district, of crime victims who have filed claims. And I have been getting calls about that from why isn't the state funding this? And I really don't have a good answer to give them. Tell them that the budget is tight, but they don't understand why we have millions of dollars for other projects but we don't have 125,000 for people who have been injured absolutely through no fault of their own and have absolutely nowhere else to turn. I think 'his is...it's a program that ought to be funded. I agree with Senator Pirsch that we ought to look for a permanent source of funding. I have attempted to do that. Senator Pirsch has attempted to do that. Others have attempted to do that. But, in the meantime, let's fund it at a...at a minimal level which is really what we're doing under the Pirsch amendment, but let's at least get that much done. I would urge the rejection of the Moore amendment and the adoption of the Pirsch amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Crosby, you're next.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, Senator Lindsay, could I ask you a quick question? I think you can...

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lindsay, would you respond, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...because you talked about the eligibility for compensation. And one of the questions I have, you and Senator Pirsch mentioned February to July that there won't be any money in 1992 to reimburse. Is there a backlog of cases waiting for that payment or are those the people that might make that claim at that time?