

bill. Well, now it has been vetoed out of the budget bill and my concern is if we...I guess my preference is not to pass the bill and then deal with how we're going deal with it straight up on the budget bill itself because you do not need the language in the bill. The fight is going to be on the money and we're going to do that on a veto override. And that's all that is in the bill, is my understanding, at this point in time.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, members, Senator Moore, the bill just really is one line. It says probation officers shall be compensated with salaries substantially equal to other state employees who have similar responsibilities. The concept that you're talking about, I would much rather that...and I don't know what the Speaker's agenda is for tomorrow, but, Mr. President or Mr. Speaker, could I ask you a question? Senator Moore, can we do this on your time because maybe we can save some time.

SENATOR MOORE: If the Speaker would allow me to grant, I don't know if he answers questions up there but you can do it on my time if you want to.

SENATOR HALL: Well, my point is this, and I'll lay it out, Senator Moore, and maybe the Speaker will address it. If we move to override that provision and I know that there is a motion to that effect, to override the Governor's veto, I would hate to see LB 779 not pass because of the order in which these issues came before us. In other words, the bill comes up now after the veto message has been delivered. What I would like to see rather than a motion to return and to strike the enacting clause is to lay this bill over if we could until Friday, make it one of those bills we read on the last day after the veto overrides have been handled and then we can deal with the question of whether or not this is necessary, at which time the principal introducer, Senator Lindsay, would be available to make that judgment call. I would not want to see...I think the provisions in the bill are worthy whether the appropriation is there or not. I understand the fight is over the money today, but this has been a long-standing issue with these individuals and I believe it's worthy to make the change. I think the best course would be to hold off on this bill until the veto overrides are dealt with and then make that motion that you have pending at that time.

SENATOR MOORE: I would concur with that but I'm not the one,