

So we have taken care of the lock 'em up part of it, but when it comes to those at the first line, so to speak, who might be able to prevent further incursions by young people into criminality, or if some have been there, but are going to be placed on probation, the people who could help keep them straight, we suddenly draw a line and say we won't cross it, if we don't override the Governor's veto. Six hundred thousand dollars is a pittance compared to the entire budget. It might draw a headline because of the damage it will do to a very crucial element of the criminal justice system. This would be a mistake on our part to not override the veto, after having supported all those bills which have been defined by the Governor and certain members of the Legislature as bills aimed at fighting crime, LB 988, itself, arming those carrier enforcement officers, providing additional judges, and there were a couple of others that have been praised and bragged about as a part of the war on crime. If we are going to complete the circle, we could say that one-third of it was LB 988, another third would be adding the juvenile judge in LB 903, and the final third that would complete the circle would be an override of the Governor's veto. I think it would be cold-blooded on the part of the Governor to say I am going to compel this Legislature to do a balancing or weighing act. Who do you care most about? The disabled or youngsters who would be given a chance if there were proper probation supervision. And the probation officers deal with other than juveniles, but they are the ones that I have a particular concern and caring about. So with what Senator Pedersen is initiating today, I am in complete accord with, and as the afternoon progresses, I hope some thought will be given to the necessity of our overriding that veto.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, members. Obviously, I rise in opposition to the motion to return, but I understand and can appreciate Senator Pedersen's concern with the veto of the probation officers salaries, and I mean he makes a good point, I just talked to him, and he does intend to withdraw the motion to allow the reading of the bill, but his point is well taken. When we talk about fighting crime, we can't just talk about it on the real...the exotic, the sexy stuff, and the building more prisons type of stuff, because the vast majority of people who commit crimes, get convicted, go on probation. Because of that, we have to make sure we have a probation system that is going to work, or in the long run we