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have to be prepared to be spending more than this A bill spends on construction of prisons because we are going to have more people failing on the probation system. The more inexperienced our officers are, the more likely it is that they will not supervise in an effective manner. Our experienced officers simply are underpaid, leave to better positions, get burned out because of the extra hours they have to work in their second and third jobs to make ends meet. I am not going to take up any more time now. I'll take that up on the override motion, but I can, like I say, I can understand and appreciate Senator Pedersen's motivation for filing the motion to return, but I, too, of course, would oppose it.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Pedersen on the motion to return.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, please keep this in mind when we get later on in the day when we look at the veto overrides because LB 988 is a good bill but it is actually the cart before the horse if we don't have the probation...our first line of defense up, which is our Department of Probation in the State of Nebraska. They do good work, they do an excellent job, and if there is any questions before that veto override comes up this afternoon, I encourage you to please come back and ask me. I'd be glad to answer any questions I can, and I would say again, yesterday the agenda looked just great because I thought LB 988 would come up after the veto override, and then I would have actually done anything I could to get LB 988 stopped. With that, I withdraw the motions. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: They are withdrawn. Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Anything else on 988A?

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 988A on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 988A pass with the emergency clause attached? Record.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See Page 2123 of the Legislative Journal.) 44 ayes, 3 nays, 1 present and not voting, 1 excused and not voting, Mr. President.