

questions. I wonder if...is Senator Lindsay here? Senator Lindsay, would you be able to help me, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: I'll try.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. Senator Lindsay, I think some of the confusion that I'm hearing and have questions about is it seems that the Governor's position is that if the...if we override the veto the money goes, percentagewise, to the probation officers and the higher level probation officers to increase the salaries on a percentage basis. So those who are at a higher level to begin with receive, of course, a greater increase because their percentage will amount to more money. Is that the...I haven't had time to study the actual schedule, but I figured you'd be familiar with it. Could you explain that exactly.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes, Senator Bromm. By the way, I have my light on, if I run out of time you can have my light back. That isn't the case, it's not going to be going to the high level...higher level people. And I've just gotten, it's going to be passed around here in a minute. And those of you who are at least on the bubble on this, I'd ask you to listen to this for a little bit. Joe Steele, the Court Administrator, has sent to me a letter, you'll be getting it around here in just a minute or two. The...Joe has pledged that, to make it absolutely clear, Senator Bromm, that he's pledged that the \$600,000 will not...entirely would not be used. We can't have a partial override of a veto. So we couldn't do that. But he has pledged that they will only use 420,000 of it, the \$180,000 difference will be returned in the next budget cycle. The \$420,000 is the figure needed for line officers, regardless of whether those administrative people, or the managers need the increases or not to match them up with other personnel, they would not...the Court Administrator's Office has pledged that that would not occur. We're looking at the horrible situation at the line officer level. The letter that you're going to get is going to make it clear that he's pledged that that's where the money will go. And it's in writing, Appropriations Committee can get all over him next year if that's not where it goes, or if there's any question on the commitment it's in writing. Appropriations Committee all will have a copy of that for their files.