

going to talk to that, but the one issue is that had that been a request last year, whether or not we will have funded it, obviously, we will never know. That time is already gone. I know I can speak for the committee, when we originally looked at this measure, we basically made the call, had we known that in 1993, our call was this year we would have funded it, so we put the money in, and so I think there was a...Senator Beutler has a legitimate point when he says by mistake this is even in the budget this year. If it had been put in last year, it would never have been exposed quite like this. I think he is accurate there. Having said all that, I certainly supported the money and supported the trails and it is something that I think the state needs to do, having said all that, and Senator Beutler is certainly accurate, given some of the acrimonious debate he and I had, it was tempting on more than one occasion to finger this money and try and take it out, but that's not the way either of us operate, and I understand that. But having said all that, I support the money too, but just like I said on probation officers, unfortunately, this is something that was not in the Governor's original budget request. Now arguably, he never even knew about it when he made his request that it was not in there. And, once again, when we, as a body in total, make spending decisions that exceed our ability to pay, we acquiesce to the administration the right I guess to set our priorities for us. And having done that and given the situation we are not in, I have to rise and vote no on a program that I support just because I think it is important that we try and get ourselves in the best situation possible for down the road. And so, Senator Beutler has a legitimate point that had things gone the way that maybe he understood they should have went a year ago, this would never have been an issue this year. But it is something that is in the bill. It is something that was not in the Governor's request. Unfortunate because we, ourselves, did not make other priorities, and made our priorities and made some additional difficult decisions in here, we have to live with the priorities the administration gave us. So with that, I rise to oppose Senator Beutler's amendment. I certainly would...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...like to assist the trail people, and that's why I originally put the money in there, but at this juncture in time, I see the body has the responsibility to sustain the veto.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Chambers,