

striking the enacting clause.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Can I ask a question of Senator Lindsay? I'm assuming, since we're having this motion, that you want to read the bill?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, well I would rise and urge the body not to...well, I'll vote, I'll move to strike the enacting clause and the reason is, 779 is the language and if you look in your bill books, that is the bill that says language to the effect that, sales probation officers shall be compensated with salaries substantially equal to other state employees who have similar responsibilities. That was the language that necessitated originally this body putting in the money for probation officers. Obviously with our action earlier this afternoon and with the Governor's veto pending our sustaining of that, we have not placed the money in the state budget to fund this provision. So for that reason we should not pass the bill. I don't know, and I'll ask Senator Lindsay, briefly, why would you want to pass the bill?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Because it's still good policy. I think we've gone through the discussion. It takes 33 votes to override, it takes 25 to pass a bill. It's a good policy to have in statute. It's, certainly as you know, a process for next year for a deficit appropriation.

SENATOR MOORE: Would it be your understanding that if we pass this bill, the state would have an obligation to pay those salaries at that level?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Should have an obligation to pay salaries commensurate with other positions in government with similar responsibilities.

SENATOR MOORE: And how much additional money would it take to do that?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well that's kind of what the issue was in the