

As you can see in the amendment that I offered that the counties covered, and you'd have to correct me on the correct names of the counties, but it would be Lancaster. It would be Kearney because of the Training Center, whatever county Geneva is in, I think it is Fillmore County. Norfolk, as I understand it, has some people up there connected with the Corrections Institutions and York, for the ladies, the York facilities. All of these counties, the county attorneys from time to time prosecute cases involving these people. What we have done is we have put out into this bill \$45,000 to be used as provided in this section. What the county attorney will do will be that they shall on or before May 15th each year submit an itemized statement of expenses to the Department of Corrections, and if the money called for is over \$45,000 at that time, it will be prorated as to how much each county should get but it is a very simple amendment. If you feel the way the people in these counties do that they have to prosecute, that they should be reimbursed, then I would suggest that you adopt the amendment and I'd try to answer any questions or anything there is other than that, because that's really all there is to it. It appropriates \$45,000 for all of these counties and I may have forgot some, because if Douglas County would have any of these people in work release centers or anything like that, then Douglas County would be entitled to some of that money, too, and I am not sure about Douglas County at this point. So I would move for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I rise to speak in support of the Barnett amendment. It is a good amendment. It reimburses the counties for the expenses incurred by prosecuting individuals under the jurisdiction of the Department of Correctional Services. It is a state responsibility, not a county responsibility. I think that Senator Barnett has a good amendment. It is a fair amendment and we ought to adopt it. I support him.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Kremer, I have to be in opposition to the position you have taken and Senator Barnett's amendment. You have to think about what these facilities are, where they are located, and the roles they serve in these counties and communities. Wherever one of these institutions is located, that county or city earns money as a result of these institutions being there. There are purchases of food, clothing, other services. People are employed from those counties and cities at these institutions. When a bill was before the Judiciary Committee, as an example, to see that certain young or youthful offenders are not detained at one of the training institutions, Senator Carsten and others in that area wanted to be sure that it would not lead to a shutdown or closing of those facilities. In order for them not to want those facilities closed, they have to be a positive good or of value to the county. Since the counties earn money and profit from the presence of these institutions, I don't think that they ought to be