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really needs to be looked at that has not been done in detail this year, has been done other years, and that is when you are looking at these probation officers there is a variety of types of cases that they, of course, work with, and there are some that require a great deal of time and other types require very minimal amount of time, and there is a great variance. So to really make an analysis, I think, of the work load, we probably should do or need to do over the summer a study like we did two or three years ago now...three or four I guess, in which those types of cases are analyzed as well as numbers, because you can really get a lot better handle as to what is an appropriate number. So I would rise to oppose the amendment for the reasons that I have given to you which pretty much reflects the majority opinion of the Appropriations Committee when this was discussed.

SENATOR NICHOL PRESIDING

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, I want to support Senator Schmit. I know that we don't want to blow this budget clear out of sight this afternoon and there are many, many requests going to come in the way it sounds. But as he said, a penny saved is a penny earned, I am sure, and we shouldn't be dollar wise and pound foolish. But I think the probation people do a terrific job in Nebraska and if you can just save a few of those young people from getting into the institutions, why we are going to be much better off than we are now. So I can't quite understand the rationale of the Appropriations Committee for cutting this particular program. It is not a big one, and so I support the Schmit amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Schmit, did you wish to close, please?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President. I would like to ask a question of Senator Warner, if he would yield, please.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Warner, would you respond, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Warner, how often is a probation officer supposed to visit one of his responsibilities, or is there a special recommended time?

SENATOR WARNER: By statute, do you mean?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, or does the...do they as a policy have a recommendation as to how often they are supposed to be in