

contact with an individual?

SENATOR WARNER: I am sure there is, Senator Schmit, but it does not...the number doesn't come to my mind right off the top of my head. I know the statutes require that there shall be a sufficient number that no officer has to have a case load larger than...or something at least that is compatible with adequate probation investigation and supervision and I am not sure what that standard is, but the real overlying issue it seems to me is not the number of cases but also the types of cases because the two have to be looked at together. And as I indicated, we did not this year make that kind of division. We did that two or three years ago.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I'm sure that is true, but if a probation officer had 110 persons he was responsible for, would you say that he would have to see them at least once a month?

SENATOR WARNER: I would imagine, yes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Would there be any reason to see them oftener than that, or do you know?

SENATOR WARNER: I think it depends totally on the type of case, Senator Schmit. Some I am sure are very minimal, others are going to require more supervision depending upon their own personal problems.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, do you think that, for example, if you were to see 110 people once a month even, given the time necessary for filling out reports and traveling, etcetera, it would look to me like they could easily be limited to one hour per month per individual. I would just like to say this, that it seems to me that when you have an individual who has had the problem of being out in the...of being involved in a crime and that individual is then paroled on the premise that they are not going to get into trouble any more, the parole officer must have some kind of supervision. Now I agree that some of those cases are what might be considered minimal. But they are minimal only to this extent, that the individual who was in trouble once has felt sufficiently in need of help that they were acted upon in a court case and they were placed under supervision. Now if you don't give that individual adequate protection, you are going to have him back in the penal system and you are going to find that instead of spending \$128 per individual, you are going to be spending \$10,850 if they go out to the Penitentiary. You are going to be spending \$20,462 if they go to the Nebraska Center for Women. For the time they spend