

the professional ability to handle these. I will address, for just a minute, the fiscal note that Senator Wesely referred to, as well as Senator Crosby. You know, a good way to come in and kill a bill is double the fiscal note on a senator and I suspect that that is probably what happened in this case, that \$21 million fiscal note. That included foster care reimbursement for over 2 in home...or out of home cases probably, and that would be residential treatment, hospitalization and intensive services, and including the NCCY campus...school. As most of you know, I've done some work and some checking on NCCY campus, and I probably could use this bill or this discussion to talk about that, but I won't. Probably also that bill may include foster care children, over 6,000 of them. But this is the dollar amount that is I think a lot closer to it. Youth development centers, 5 million; probation, adult and juvenile, more like 5.5 million; and parole, foster care more like 188,000, or about an \$11 million fiscal note; just about half, I think, would be closer to it. But LB 82...182 may not be perfect. We tried to move it out of committee in the best shape that we could. I don't know whether Senator Coordsen mentioned but there are at least 20 people that had a hand in drawing up this bill and the need. But it is just too serious a situation to be swept under the rug. It was rather amusing or incidental in the Judiciary hearings, one of the guardian ad litem came in and mentioned a case of a boy, here in Lincoln, sexual...not sexual abuse, he was being abused and was in a home with his older brother, a 13-year-old boy. He had tried...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR NELSON: ...and tried for four months to get him into NCCY center. They just fell through the cracks, there was just absolutely no place to place this boy. Everywhere he turned he ran into a stone wall. And I asked them the question why he could not be taken to NCCY center, and they told him, well, in order...he didn't fit in their program, and in order to do that they would have to hire another specialist to handle his particular case. And my question was with 18 out there, you mean, and a staff of 146 people that they don't have someone available to handle or to help treat this boy? I think that the Lincoln-Journal or the Star picked this up, too. The next day the boy was placed at NCCY center, so it does show that sometimes a little bit more action needs to be taken. I certainly hope that you don't vote to indefinitely postpone this