

Contractor program. There was only \$4,000 in there that they took out which he explained to me was only being used for administrative purposes in the state office which does no good for those people out in...those farm labor people. I agree with that totally, but what I don't agree with is simply saying, then, let's don't fund it. We never have funded that program, and so all we are doing is coming back in with a bill that will change it to make a request not to be Cash Funds but General Funds to pay for that because we have a need for that out there. Those people need that service, and I will continue to fight for that. Senator Scofield, in the Department of Social Services, you brought out the point that nine new social workers will be...I guess if we could establish positions for those, where will those be located?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Those are not identified in the budget in terms of location. That will be the decision of the agency to put them where they think the greatest need is.

SENATOR SMITH: Where the load is the heaviest? All right, thank you. Do you think nine will be enough?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Well, I am not going to stand here and say that we have solved all the problems of child abuse in the State of Nebraska, Senator Smith. I would hope that at this point, at least, that will reduce the workload currently that is being experienced by people. We are seeing happily some decline in reported and substantiated instances of abuse. It seemed to peak out there and has started to decline.

SENATOR SMITH: As a result of that now the public is aware?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Right.

SENATOR SMITH: So, Senator Scofield, and these people, though, will be out in the state, not in the office, in the state department.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: That is right. Let me...

SENATOR SMITH: Great, that is where we need them.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: There is a...more of a managerial position involved with this which is one of the supervisory positions, but for the most part, they are people that will be directly