

travel time plus the regular work load, it's almost impossible for that worker to complete all that. With the additional worker out there that's just one caseload that she'll have to absorb. In other words, she may not be able to handle the 29 or 30 cases, but if she could share that and get down to 20, maybe she'd be able to better manage that. It's a matter of just sheer numbers and she's got too many places to be at one time.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I guess what I was bothered by that she had to go from Minden to Kearney to pick up the car, you know and then...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Oh, absolutely.

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...back to Minden and, you know, I think that's the part that bothered me.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And I think that that's all in somewhat of the local administration of that office as well, an. I think there's some real serious problems in that particular area in that office, but...

SENATOR HARTNETT: That's what I see a waste of state funds or waste of people's talents, just driving like that, so...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: It's also real dangerous when you've got a worker thinking about 29 cases where she is on the road all the time, too.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, further discussion.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Hartnett, I would like to explain to you a situation that happened in southwest Nebraska that I don't think possibly could happen in the more density areas of the State of Nebraska. The parents were having a dispute and they called the local sheriff. The sheriff has the authority to place children in a foster home if, in his opinion, they feel the children are in danger of being harmed. So the sheriff contacted the Social Services Department in this community and they said, we cannot make that decision, call such and such a community. So the county sheriff called that community and that community referred it to a third town. The third town says call Lincoln, let them make the