

SENATOR CROSBY: So you're still, even with the...

SENATOR LAMB: ...that one part.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...amendment you're still not. Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: I haven't decided.

SENATOR CROSBY: That's all right. Thank you. I think we're sort of between a rock and a hard place here this morning with this bill, because we do...it is turning into urban versus rural. There are...you read the newspapers just as I do and hear of the cases, there are cases out in greater Nebraska in the smaller towns and the smaller counties that have abuse of children, just as we do in the cities. It is not...human nature is the same everywhere, even though there are fewer people. So I don't think you could really base your vote on the fact that you think all the people out in greater Nebraska are wonderful, good people, and all of us here in Lincoln and Omaha are not. So what we have to do is look at the overall picture. And I go back, again, to saying that I think the training in this bill is so important. But the Title XX money overrides it for me, because I do think the Title XX money is important. I have some statistics that I'd like to give to you just to impress upon you where we stand in the State of Nebraska. In 1988, we had 1,602,000 people in Nebraska, 8 percent of those...7 percent of those, by the year 2000, will be under 5 years old. So that's what we're talking about here, we're talking about children under 5 years old. The other interesting thing to me of these statistics is that 63 percent of Nebraska people lived in towns in 1988 and cities of 2,500 or more. Forty-eight percent of the population lived in the three metro areas of Omaha, Lincoln and South Sioux City. There are 534 incorporated towns in Nebraska, and the median size town is 360 persons. I would hope that, and, incidentally, Senator Smith, Adams County is 30,400 in the county. Of the total number of counties, the 93, 10 of them have less than 1,000 people, 36 of them have fewer than 5,000 people, 37 of them have fewer than 10,000 people. So, you see, it is top heavy. Down here in the eastern part of the state, the population sits down here and a great big, wonderful, beautiful, gorgeous land sits out west with fewer people. If the Lamb amendment is passed and is attached to this bill, if we divide the bill into two separate parts, I don't know what's