

service out of social services. They've addressed our problems but it's a smaller area, you understand, and they have helped us where they can. And there is no question that we want to get all we can out of our dollars in social services. They help the people that really need help, the neediest of the needy, and where there are these problems and I think that there would be some merit in going ahead, even though this is piecemeal and part of the whole system. If we did go ahead, I would think that the Department of Social Services would be very happy if we can have an independent outfit really tell us what the problems are, identify them and, hopefully, tell them how to solve it. I don't think 35,000 would have been much of an amount of money that would find out anything, so probably 50,000, is no great sum, would be better. I don't think there is enough people in here right now to pass anything. But I would support this because we've got to take care of these people that need help, that can't take care of themselves. The best job we can do is what we have to do. And I also would be in favor if Senator Wesely wanted to look at the whole picture. I would support that also. With that, I will give the rest of my time to Senator Hartnett.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hartnett, two and a half minutes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I guess for the last two years it's kind of a different matter, I guess. I sponsored the Foster Care Review Board kind of a hearing, and so forth, and I think, as I looked back and read the history and the transcripts about dealing with that particular subject, the judges at one time were really against that and I see that I think Senator Haberman brings us a good measure and I'm like Senator Korshoj, maybe we need to expand it for the whole state, to look at the whole state as are we getting the best bang for our buck, I guess, out of the social services? And so maybe we should be taking Senator Wesely's idea to look at the whole state, but reading the material that Senator Haberman passed out, I see he does have, from reading, has a problem in that area.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Scofield, Senator Morrissey next.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President and members, Senator Haberman has brought us an issue that I have heard similar concerns raised in other parts of the state, my northwest corner, places in the central Nebraska part of the state as well. I had...when