

difficulties in my district many different ways, with child abuse and with people who have been accused of child abuse who are not guilty, and yet were not...had to support their own court cases to resolve their innocence. And in the case of one young man who was accused of this and taken to court and the Social Services Department did this, he had no recourse but to hire his own attorney and he didn't have funds to do that, and he is in a great deal of duress because of this. There is no funding available at the state level, of course, to pay for his legal fees, and in order to get his two little girls back, why he had to have this help but he had to pay for it himself, and it was an unjust accusation by a vindictive sort of person. And so, you know, we have lots of problems out there and I, too, would like to see this study done. And, Senator Haberman, I think I have to agree with Senator Wesely on this, that we should be looking at a statewide study, and Senator Scofield, because what would be an evident problem in your area would most likely be ditto everyplace else, and if there is a problem there, I think we should address it if it is everyplace else, too. So I am going to support this amendment and then I am going to support the amendment to the amendment, and I would hope that other people would see fit to do the same. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schimek, your light is still on. Do you care to speak any further? Thank you. Senator Haberman, please, followed by Senators Elmer and Hall.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Members of the body, doesn't it strike you a little unusual that nobody else has brought this up? We haven't had this debate. Nobody has been concerned about this problem until I bring it up. Now we've heard from the Lancaster County people. They have one county, one county in their district. There are 11 in the Southwest District, 11 counties compared to one county. Do you feel that there is a possibility we could have some problems they don't have due to the headquarters of the Social Services being located in Lincoln? That would make a difference, wouldn't it? But nobody has brought this before the body. I am not ashamed to ask for \$50,000. If you want to cut it to 40, that is fine. Do what you wish but it is your conscience. When I close...I am going to tell you now. I was called out to a home where two parents were having a fight, a physical fight. There were three children involved. The sheriff declared an emergency. He wanted those children placed in a foster care home that night. The foster care people in Imperial said you have to call McCook. McCook says you have to