

call North Platte. North Platte told us you had to call Lincoln. It took four and a half hours, four and a half hours for Lincoln to respond to that family in Imperial because those children were in danger. The sheriff had declared an emergency, and Lincoln says, well, we can't get out there today. There is a time zone change. It is a hundred miles. We will be there sometime tomorrow, and those children could have been hurt, and in the sheriff's opinion, and he can do this under the statute, declared an emergency. Did we get any help? No. Would that have happened here in Lancaster County? No. They would have been at that home and they would have put those children in a foster care home. That is what I am talking about. That is why I am asking you to start in southwest Nebraska and investigate. Let's don't have any of the governmental agencies in on this. Let's don't have a special Human Health Services Committee in on this. Let's let the Executive Board pick it. Let's have a clean, thorough, nonbiased investigation of the social services delivery system and I ask you to defeat the amendment, start in southwest Nebraska. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Elmer, please.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Rex, I think there are 18 counties instead of 11 in the Southwest District, but it magnifies the problem. Would Senator Wesely yield to a question about his amendment?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely, would you respond to a question?

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Wesely, we all realize that each district has its own unique situations. If you think that we should do it statewide and make an assessment of each district, I think each one should have a separate assessment that we can put together. Would you agree with that?

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, yes, absolutely.

SENATOR ELMER: And rather than try to relate Lincoln's or Omaha's problems to Scottsbluff's or McCook or Imperial's problems, do you think that we could work out somewhere between a reasonable way to make sure that independent observations would be made of the problems in each district?

SENATOR WESELY: Absolutely. That is exactly what we need to