

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...with the traveling time or the windshield time, we don't have as high a count because it takes us so long to get to someplace, we simply can't see that many people, but where if you are sitting in Lincoln or Omaha, it is easy for them just to come in and you can talk to them and they are within a 25 or 30 or 40-minute time period. So, consequently, in the western part of the state, we have had what I feel to be a serious lack of communication with social services here, we have a serious lack of communications of what we need, and one of the best ways I think to get a preliminary look at what the problem is is to go into the heart of where we think the problem is in the western part of the state, and say we are going to spend \$50,000 and we are going to look at this little area, which is going to be very, very significant because that is one of the major problem areas, and we are going to use that for a basis to decide what we might want to do statewide. And the thing that intrigues me about Senator Haberman's amendment, which did not, quite honestly, with Senator Wesely's amendment, is that Senator Haberman has taken the time to go to individuals, the county attorneys, county sheriffs, regular attorneys, the people who work with the social services, and has documented that we have a serious problem in that particular sector. Senator Haberman's amendment would simply put \$50,000 and say we are going to bring an outside consultant in and we are going to look at that particular sector, and we are going to find out what truly is needed. And I think that will do two things. When we go to the biennial budget next year, I think we will be able to give something to Social Services and say, hey, folks, here is what you have got out there. It is documented, it is researched, and we have got to do something that we can take care of that, hopefully, within the biennial budget, or may set the stage for what we need to do then statewide, and I think it is a very excellent amendment. I think it is one that can be done. It certainly doesn't hurt the Legislature to get more information on this particular topic and I highly encourage the body to at least look favorably on Senator Haberman's amendment, and I certainly am going to be supporting it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I'll call the question.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Haberman calls the question. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. All those in support of ceasing