

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No, I did not send a survey out to each of the counties and get a response back, that is correct.

SENATOR ROGERS: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rogers. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. After I looked at it again, David, I think probably I'll vote against this, just because I think the figures are somewhat nebulous. And I think probably, as Scott says, Senator Moore, I'm kind of being informal here, I don't mean to be. Senator Bernard-Stevens and Senator Moore, if some of these amendments go, and then we do have to develop an A bill, I guess that would be the time to really get down to cases. I am a little concerned about the state just taking on some more expenses, and even though it doesn't sound like it would add up to a lot. I'm just...I just think at this time, David, and maybe you and I will talk about it a little later, I think I won't...I either won't vote, or I won't vote...I'll vote red. Do you want to talk? You can have my time, if you do. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yeah, I will take just a minute. Senator Crosby, I wanted to make sure you also leave the option open that after we discuss, you may want to support the amendment at some point. There is a reason, Senator, that the numbers are nebulous, there is a reason, and that is we don't know, we really don't know, in Nebraska, what effect it's going to have. We don't know how many guardian ad litem will be appointed. We don't know how many attorneys, counselors will be appointed, there may be a lot, there may be a few, there may be a lot of appeals, there may be none. We just don't know. And so what we're basically saying is that our best guess gives us a high and a low based upon the number of hours that the attorney may, in fact, work, 2 hours or 4 hours, and based on 20 percent of the people going through the process. And I guess that's one of the fears that I had, and other people had, quite honestly. And I may be kind of blunt about this, and I don't mean to be on a negative side, I mean to be very straightforward. If we, in the body, are so determined that we are going to put this responsibility on our minors, and on our young women, we should at least, I would think, have enough courage to say that we're