

NCCY center and have followed it very closely since that time. I am very much in opposition to Senator Wesely's amendment, and I'm going strictly by memory, but Senator Wesely can correct me. Is the figure 547 or 567 thousand dollars to operate that school?

SENATOR WESELY: What's that?

SENATOR NELSON: Is the figure 547 or 567 thousand dollars to operate the school?

SENATOR WESELY: It's estimated that the school will cost \$637,000 in the next fiscal year, \$660,000 the following fiscal year.

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you. And I believe there are ten children out there right now. And I'm not denying that these children are children with severe, either mental disabilities, or behavioral patterns, or so on and so forth. Since I've been on this, as I say, for three or four years, I believe last year there were 195 people, clients served, be it for children, or be it for consultation of parents or whatever it is. It's a little bit hard to follow the program right now, because it was integrated from Program 524 to Program 341, so it's hard to put your fingers on it. But I can tell you from memory there was 142 employees out there last year. And, if you go out there and check, there's somewhere around 11 or 14 students. And I think that we can hardly justify that kind of an expenditure of taxpayers dollars or wise use. I remember a few years ago the entire budget was \$3.8 million. And at that time I said something to Kermit McMurry. I said, Kermit, that's over \$100,000 per student. So be it may. I'll send them out-of-state, if you don't like it, Senator. It is a seven-day a week program out there, 24-hours a day. And since my office has been involved, I will guarantee you that I have had any number of calls, practically by the dozens, from one disgruntled employee to another one; one is, well, one, as I say, disgruntled employee, one telling on the other one out there. But that's beside the point. I think if you'll get out your book, in 1989, in the whole campus out there, 1988 and '89 there were 50 students served, and in 1987 and '88, 48 students served. And I cannot justify that kind of money for that very few number of students. And, as Senator Wesely said, these are students from Lincoln, primarily. Be it from Ansley or Grand Island, Nebraska, I still cannot justify 10 instructors