

said, maybe 647,000 or something like that, or 57,000, 10 teachers for 10, 10 students. We have people in need, people that are hurting. We have the aged. We have people that are hungry in this state, and we have many, many needs. And, sure, if it was in my area, I probably would stand up here and fight as hard as I possibly could, regardless of whatever the funding or the need. If this was priority of the Social Services Department, this would not have been singled out. It is a tremendous upkeep out there in those buildings. I have no problem with the Lincoln School District wants to use the buildings. That is the prerogative between people that know more about it than I do. But for us to put this intent language in, again, here we are, we want to cut a program, a program that does not follow the guidelines of Social Services. Social Services, as we said, the basis of their program is to keep them in the family and for family service programs, and that is not for...to be retained or to be a school out there for 10 students. Last year, I think altogether, we are only talking about 55 students. You can count, there is 11, there is 14 a month out there, or there is 10 a month out there. Sure, the need is there, like every other time. It must do some good, but how long can we continue to support programs that are not serving as much as they could for the dollar spent, and it does not come under the guidelines of Social Services. And this has been a program that I have had a great concern about. Last year or two years ago, I think of the whole, of the three programs, there were only 195 people, and part of that is simply a family communication for an hour or so, and I don't know how that we can continue to support programs like that when we are again cutting budget in so many other areas. The prisons, there is in the 2 percent cut the vocational ed part that is out at Southeast Community College for the prisoners so that they can go back out and become taxpayers and get themselves adjusted to life. You have to set your priorities and this is not one of the higher priorities on my voting anyhow and we must look at the whole picture. Sure it is nice and it is nice to throw up as many objections as you possibly can to a budget cut, but there is a point when we say...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR NELSON: ...we just cannot support everything that we would like to.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Robinson.