

like maybe one of the foster children trashed a couch or something, is that...?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That is correct, or if there is a problem with the home or a vehicle or something along that line, that is correct.

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, a vehicle, you'd have liability.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That is correct.

SENATOR CROSBY: Or a collision or whatever.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Right.

SENATOR CROSBY: Then the other thing, I was looking quickly, is LB 169 out of committee?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Um-hm.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay, thank you. I probably will oppose it at this moment, too, because just separate from the idea of adding it to the mainline bill, as Senator Moore touched on right now, for me to...the foster care program in Nebraska and across the country, I have read national publications that are focusing on the problems of foster care, and it is not working well this day and age. I am not sure what the...why. I don't think a lot of us know why it is not working the way that...it used to work a lot better, and I know all of us read the articles, the in-depth articles in the World-Herald, and as I say, I read a lot of other things and that is the reason at this time I just think that the whole picture is much bigger than just some liability insurance for the foster care parents. We need to do something significant to make foster care work much better than it does, and there are a lot of ideas out there, one which I have talked to people about, and most people react negatively to an idea of having a state Boys Town, or a state Girls Town, or a state Children's Town, but Boys Town works, and I can't see any reason why eventually we couldn't figure out some way so we know that these children are protected. We have...there is some flaw right now in the way that we parcel the children out to the foster parents. It is not a criticism of any particular foster parent or foster home. There is simply something that is not working when you hear the stories and know they are true that these children quite often are abused. So this, either it is a