

would say, the rest of the story. Last year when we passed LB 988, over the last two years at least when we passed LB 988, we were in a process of dividing out juvenile justice in the corrections and dividing those programs into the Department of Juvenile Services. What Senator Avery is trying to pass off as just a contingency fund is, in fact, the entire fund that we are setting up as a cash...as a fund to food, to have food and clothing for those individuals that go to Kearney and Geneva. So this amendment then is called just a contingency fund is right now the fund is zero, zero dollars for food and clothing for people who come into Kearney and Geneva that are beyond what the normal would be and if you just look at charts which I won't pass out till another amendment will be coming later on the Appropriations Committee side, the increased number of people that are being sent to Kearney and Geneva is staggering. One of the reasons that there are more people going to the institutions are simply because we're adding more juvenile judges now. So even though we all are talking about cutting, and certainly I'm willing to cut 6 billion out of SEED money, I'm willing to cut 7 million out of boot camps, I'm willing to do a lot of things, I'm not willing to say at this point to have zero funding for food and clothing for these individuals that go to Kearney and Geneva. Now maybe Senator Avery wants to have the students there and it will teach them a lesson. When they get out of there they'll have rags and there will be... it's a a mean diet program. Maybe that's part of their training so that they will be...so that they won't want to go there again, but I don't think that's what the Legislature wants to do. I do think you'd like to have some dollars in there for food. I do think that they may need a change of clothing from time to time and also this fund is for if a student is, and I keep saying student, if a young juvenile is sent to Kearney or Geneva, if they are a diabetic, if there is some medical problem that they need to deal with, this is the fund that they do that from and if you agree with the Avery amendment the fund that will deal with that will be zero because we are just now setting up this process with the budget that the Appropriations Committee has put out. So I urge not to the adoption of this amendment.

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SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I would like to ask the body to listen somewhat carefully to this