

that crime bill, so-called crime bill, but even then it may not face all the issues that we need to face and I would submit to you that your constituency and my constituency is very interested in this area and I think it is proper for us to face this. This is one way to do it and I would urge you not to support this amendment or any other amendments that take away from what we are spending in this area. Some of this, not so much in this bill, well it may well be here, but if we don't do it we're going to be spending it in a deficit situation next year.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Avery, yours is the only light on. Would you like to close on your amendment.

**SENATOR AVERY:** I will, to move along to bigger and better things. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I listened to Senator Wehrbein. I think Senator David Bernard-Stevens blew things out of proportion. I've got the rest of the story. These kids, juveniles, will get their food, they will get their clothes. There is a budget already there and it is getting a 1.5 percent the first year and a 3 percent the second year. This is only in case the population goes drastically over that, but let's look at what he had mentioned, Kearney and Hastings. Those are already at capacity. When kids come in, they have to kick somebody out the back door. That situation is in there. As far as I know I didn't have any evidence that Kearney had a lot more room. This is a small increase, or small reduction. The thing is I think that if we watch it close, the dollars, they can come in for an appropriation, a deficit appropriation and see what that will be and then we will vote on it next year. But the idea that they won't get their clothes and their food is not totally accurate. There is a budget there already to take care of that population and it's getting an increase. So with that I ask for your support and we can move on. Thank you.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** You've heard the closing. The question before the body then is the adoption of the Avery amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, Mr. Clerk.

**ASSISTANT CLERK:** 3 ayes, 14 nays on the adoption of Senator Avery's amendment.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** The amendment is not agreed to. Next item.