

it must be placed in a city of the metropolitan class. That's all it does. We're not saying it should not be built there. Perhaps if this committee, whoever makes that decision chooses to place this facility in a city of a metropolitan class, fine. All we are saying is it should be on an even playing field, open it up. If you go in to buy a used car, why you don't tell the used car guy that I want to buy a 1949 Plymouth, stipulating he only has one on the car lot. You don't tell him that's what you want to buy. You must buy that particular car. He's going to jack the price up and you hold up to that specific level. It's the same way here. You don't want to show your hand when you're playing a game of cards, you don't do that. I'm just saying that the people of Nebraska, all over Nebraska whether you live in Scottsbluff, whether you live in Lexington, whether you live in Fremont, in Lincoln or wherever, that particular city should have the right to stand up and say we would like to have this facility built here. Then the people who will be making this decision, they simply go out and visit or what, get together, decide where this particular facility will be built. Like I say, we're not saying it shouldn't be built in Omaha, I'm not picking on Omaha. We all know that a majority probably who will be attending this facility come from an area of this size, probably. I got some facts here. As of April 30, 1995, 26.8 percent of the juveniles' incarcerated population was convicted from the county in the third district. So it says that a certain number of people also come from the...other than this area of Nebraska. So with the support of this, I'd just like to have at least somebody stand up and push their button and tell me why that this should not be built some place else other than in a metropolitan class city. And I'm sure probably somebody will do that and just with that I will close and I will listen to the debate. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, for the opening. Senator Chambers, you are recognized, followed by Senators Pirsch, Preister, Schrock and Lindsay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to start out on a lighthearted note first, if I may. Senator Cudaback, would you answer a question or two for me about your amendment?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Cudaback, would you yield to a question?