

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What about the evaluation program?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Well, if that isn't a complete sentence, then the rest of it isn't either because all it says is it shall be established, all it says is where that program should be established.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, if you don't strike all the language that you struck, it is a complete sentence. A residential evaluation program could be considered the subject, then shall is the verb, then it tells you the remainder of the sentence about the location of that program. As you have it there is nothing here at all, just four words, a residential evaluation program, but anyway I'll let that go. That's the way you chose to draft it. Members of the Legislature, when this idea first came up we discussed why it should be in the metropolitan area. In wanting the metropolitan area, the rationale was very simple. You need to have supportive systems in place for those who are put into these kinds of facilities. It's a junior prison. We can call it a juvenile secure facility if we want to but in effect it's a junior prison. When these people from other parts of the state talk about they have a right to participate in economic development and people of my complexion, many of whom will be in this facility, are not welcome to live there unless it's in a prison, I take great offense at it. And the fact that these people are going to write these letters talking about this as an economic development program is repugnant to me. When Senator Schmitt, a former member of the state patrol and I were talking about this issue after we dealt with it the last time it was before us and he is a former member of the state patrol, he pointed out that people can talk all they want to about the cost of procuring the property and building the facility, that is a one-time expenditure of money. But once you have this facility in place, if you put it far away from the people who are going to be put there, they don't have those support systems that they need. The cost of people trying to get from one place all the way to the other side...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of the state will be an ongoing expense that will be reckoned in terms of more than just dollars. So this idea of saying give us a shot at economic development is totally repugnant to me and I'm offended by it. There are some of these towns which if I took some people of my complexion and