

four hours of driving time. That means a half a day we're going to put a law enforcement officer from Omaha every time we have to transport one of these youngsters out to a facility that may be located in Cozad, a half a day out there, a half a day back at minimum. If he's going to be on the road that time, he's going to have to have lunch. If he's going to need to bring somebody back, he may need to stay overnight, going to have to provide meal time to that youngster. If that law enforcement officer is off duty for one full day as a result of this transportation, that means we're going to either have to do without the services of that law enforcement officer or we're going to have to hire additional law enforcement officers to take the place of all of these officers that are on the road, not to mention the vehicle expense and that additional vehicle being out of service because this law enforcement officer is on the road and away from the area. And I use Omaha as the example because the vast majority of these youngsters are going to be coming from Omaha. So we're going to be taking the time and the vehicles from law enforcement in order to provide this transportation. I don't think that in the long term year after year after year that those direct costs are going to offset the cost of any kind of land that may be free and we don't know for certain at this point that we're not going to negotiate with the City of Omaha to get that land, the sewer hookups, the improvements on that land at a reduced cost in addition to what we're looking at right now.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: I don't think that the just free land issue is something that should be taken that much into account without looking at the whole picture. Certainly, if we look at Lincoln where the next highest number of likely candidates for this confinement facility is going to be, we're looking at 180 miles from Cozad. There again, we're looking at a minimum of three hours on the road. Here again it's going to be the cost to Lincoln, the law enforcement time, the same times and personnel that are going to be drawn into account from Omaha. I think those costs are going to far override any cost of land even if we were to spend what Omaha is now proposing, which isn't the final figure by the way, and I don't think should be looked at in those terms. So if we look at it in terms of human costs, I think that's an issue. Financial cost which is...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Time.