

SENATOR PREISTER: ...the point that I'm making is an equally important issue. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I have a letter here from Senator Lynch and it reads as follows: Unfortunately I am unable to be here for the debate of Senator Cudaback's amendment. If I were here I would be in full support of this amendment. The restriction that a secure confinement facility for juveniles must be erected within the boundaries of a metropolitan class facility does not serve the state or the interest of our youth. Distancing our juvenile facilities for maximum security youth from our minimum security facility will benefit both populations. Additionally, separating juveniles from their families in some cases is the best thing for violent juveniles. Many times it is violence in the family which contributes to a minor's own violence. Also from an economic perspective the inclusion of additional communities which may compete for the construction of this facility will better...will provide for the establishment of a more economical facility which will better serve the interest of our taxpayers. Thank you for your consideration and I urge you to adopt the Cudaback amendment. Dan Lynch. And beings I have a little time left, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask Senator Preister a question or two.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Preister, would you yield.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Preister, what you had said was...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Schrock, I don't see Senator Preister on the floor right now. He's not on the floor at this point.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Okay. Well, the question I was going to ask, I'll ask Senator Lindsay. I'm not that particular.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR SCHROCK: I'm not an expert in juvenile confinement facilities. You're the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee I believe, you should be an expert in that field. Is it