

SENATOR CUDABACK: Okay, thank you. And our children was brought up several times here in the last few minutes and I guess children are important all over the state whether they come from Scottsbluff, whether they come from Omaha or whether they come from the central Nebraska and we all have to travel some place. We've got to travel from Lincoln to Omaha or travel from Scottsbluff to Omaha or whatever. I just think it's very important to not necessarily have it in western Nebraska or not necessarily have it in eastern Nebraska. I think it should be up to a committee.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENSON: One minute.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I think it should be up to a committee to decide, a committee to decide where this should be, whether that committee is composed of the juvenile center, Harold Clarke or whomever, but I just think it's very important for this group to get together and decide where best this place should be, whether it be placed in Omaha which very well could be the spot to have it and, with that, I'd just like to have the people really consider this and really stop and think, do we show our hand first, do we stipulate? I think that's showing the rest of Nebraska that, hey, we're not necessarily important here, we're not given a chance to even...even given a chance to contribute. We do have something to contribute in rural Nebraska and possibly it could be placed there, and, with that, I'd just like to have the body's support.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENSON: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Lindsay, followed by Senators Fisher, Bromm, Cudaback, Chambers and Kristensen.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President, and I rise in opposition to the amendment even with the verb. I think it is...the issue is though as, I think it's been framed very well. Senator Cudaback, Senator Schrock have indicated one part of that. Senator Preister and I believe Senator Pirsch and Chambers have also given the other side of that. There are operating costs. When we talk about start-up costs which the underlying amendment is trying to drive down the start-up costs a bit without increasing those operating costs and I think what we do is we will have those additional costs, transportation types of costs that would now be entering into it and drive up the...what we're going to be paying on an annual basis. Second