

that. If we can't vote for this, and I don't know that I'd want it at Cozad, I don't know that I would, I'd like to feel that we'd have people choosing the site that would pick the best site considering the factors that Senator Lindsay or Senator Chambers, Senator Cudaback, or myself, I mean economic development in my opinion is not one of them. But certainly the economics of the situation as far as what it costs to do will be a factor. It has to be a factor. We can't...if we can do it for a million, we can't justify spending 3 million. The 2 million could do a lot of good in other ways in the facility. So that...if...the Cudaback amendment I will support but not with the idea that necessarily I think it's going to be built a long ways from a metropolitan area. I filed an amendment that would, if we don't adopt the Cudaback amendment, that would say that it would be built in a county with a metropolitan city or in an county adjacent thereto. Now people talk about a lot of the juveniles coming from Lincoln, a lot coming from Omaha. Maybe the best spot is somewhere in between those cities. It's just as inconvenient for those in Lincoln as it is for those in Omaha if that's a consideration. I don't know that that...that's one of the factors, but certainly not the overriding one. Supportive systems would be available in many places, not just in the metropolitan city or in Douglas County. Supportive systems, people have cars, they can drive 20 miles or 15 miles to do the counseling or to do the programs that hopefully will be offered. If we buy the argument it has to be in Omaha, then I suppose the data is there to justify putting the penitentiary there too, and any penitentiary ought to be built there also. I just don't think that's the case. I think that people need to look at all these factors in deciding the best location. I think that the argument that it needs to be where people can visit them can be countered with the fact that sometimes these juveniles need to be out of the element where they got in trouble to begin with and a temporary absence from the location where they were part of a group perhaps that tended to lead them into trouble certainly doesn't hurt a thing, in fact, it might be beneficial. That's...you might call that...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...tough love for them and their families for that matter. The bottom line is we need the facility and whatever we can do to facilitate expediting its construction we should do. Senator Cudaback's amendment makes it very flexible. If you can't do that, then I suggest it should be a little more