

estimated probably needed to be about 150 to 200 beds. And we said we did not want to build that facility that large wherever it was going to be because if we built it like the "Field of Dreams", they would come and the beds would be filled, the rooms would be filled and we would not have anything but a new filling place to put juveniles. And that was not what we wanted to do because the whole process was going to be set up through the pilot projects first and then statewide as we went. The process would be set up that we were going to change how we did things at Kearney. We were going to change the evaluation process that we are now currently having to do...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...at Geneva. We were going to change how we're going to work with the child on the evaluation, the community-based programming so that the child would never get to that point. And then we were going to say, look, we'll build it for 75 because there's a crucial need now and, yes, it will be filled immediately and we know the largest number of kids that are going to be in the Omaha metropolitan area, the eastern part of the state because that's where the population is. Then we went on to say, and no one brought this up in the discussion earlier, we went on to say that we will probably have to expand and what Senator Cudaback did not tell anybody and I assume because he just didn't know, or he forgot, was that it was then decided that, yes, if and when we have to build the expansion or the other 75 beds, that one would be the one that potentially would be in the central or western part of the state. But the first one needed to be where the children were.

SENATOR HALL: Time. Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Lindsay, your light is next. Senator Lindsay is off the floor. Senator Wehrbein, you are recognized.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I, too, consider this a very, very serious vote and I don't in the intent in the least, Senator Chambers, to be patronizing. I do not mean this at all, but I voted for all of the State of Nebraska in this point and I want to assure you that I think it would be serious, serious, serious mistake that this would go anywhere but in the Omaha, and I would include Lincoln, in this case, area and that is my basis for the vote. I just simply felt once we'd have changed it, there's nothing automatic about Omaha. I probably did vote for Omaha a year ago and I think