

they could go to Omaha and say, look, if you can't beat this bid, we'll have to go elsewhere. We'll go with the amendment and so on, trying to put pressure and all of this garbage began coming into the secure facility siting process. Well, the problem was is that western and central Nebraska was then and it is now being played like a fiddle. We're being played the fool and just listen to what Senator Wehrbein said and he's absolutely correct, even with the Cudaback amendment I don't doubt there's any person in here who understands juvenile justice who doesn't understand that facility will be near Omaha, and to have the Cozads and the North Plattes, and the Scottsbluffs and the Alliances and the Harrisons and whomever else think that they're going to compete is pure lying to them. And they're competing not because of juvenile justice because this is the best place and it ties into all the facilities, they're competing for economic development was just the exact thing we're trying to get away from in our dealings with juveniles in the State of Nebraska. Try to explain to me in the outstate and midstate, central part of the state what juvenile facilities are so well developed that we can locate a prison and it will tie into things that we're trying to do for the future of juvenile justice and it's not there. It certainly isn't in Wayne. Scottsbluff does a pretty good job with their facility, but it's a long way. Transportation costs would be insurmountable as far as transporting juveniles to Scottsbluff on the secure facility, not doable at this point. North Platte is not doable. They have a good system, but Douglas County has a bond issue. Douglas County is expanding and they're working together with along...along with the concept of a secure facility for the future of where we want to go and we just threw all of that out the window because some people in economic development pushed Senator Cudaback to offer an amendment, because they wanted to have a chance for jobs and money. Damn it, the youth in this state have always, in juvenile justice, been given a third, fourth, fifth rate status. You go back to the Krivosha report, you go back to all of the reports on juvenile justice and the attitude that came down for the last 30 years was that there was no justice in juvenile justice in this state, and there still isn't with that last vote. And I don't condemn Senator Cudaback, he's doing what his constituency wants him to do. But we worked hard on juvenile justice.

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: There is a plan of where we want to go