

Lincoln. I've not gotten any letters from anybody in Lincoln wanting a penitentiary or I mean a juvenile facility in Lincoln. We already have, and they both are in my district, we already have the State Penitentiary and the Lincoln Correctional Center, so that wasn't entering my mind at all as to any personal gain for Lincoln or the district. But I am concerned that it be built where the majority of juveniles would be served. And I truly believe that would be in this metropolitan area. I have had numerous opportunities to go to graduations out at both the penitentiary and LCC, vet meetings and all of that kind of thing. And I know that families are important and I know that if we choose to put a juvenile facility somewhere out west that we will not serve the majority of those young people very well. They not only need to see their families, they need to have their family support while they are incarcerated. I think there is a need in most cases to work with the families as well. And you're simply not going to have those opportunities when they're far away. Now I realize that the road goes both ways and the children from Scottsbluff will not be served as well if the facility is in Omaha, but when we're talking numbers here we got to be thinking of the majority. The services and the, you know, the personnel and every kind of thing conceivable that you would need for this kind of facility are available in Omaha. And I guess what I heard I think David Bernard-Stevens say earlier, Senator Bernard-Stevens, when he said it would be unfair really to let people think that this facility is going out west. In most of the letters that we've gotten who...from...most of the letters that we've gotten on this subject have been from the western part of the state. And if we pass this, and if we don't reconsider this and we leave it on the books, I'm afraid that we're building false hope in some communities that it will go out west. I don't think it will. I don't think that that's a remote possibility, and I've been wrong before, I could be wrong this time. And I don't...and I don't think that we should encourage that kind of thing. I think it will drag out the process. I think it is not an economic development issue, it's the wrong reason for selecting a site. The site should be selected for many other reasons, and I would just simply ask you to carefully consider this reconsideration motion. I know it's going to be difficult...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...perhaps for some to change their vote, and I'm not too optimistic, although I think I'm a optimistic type