

obviously. But, Senator Schrock, that's exactly the problem in juvenile justice, let's get on to other more important things to the bill. It's always been the adult crime that everyone is so concerned about. But if you just...and I'm not speaking just to Senator Schrock now, to everyone, just go back and look at the newspapers. What has it been saying? It's been saying that the adult crime, nationwide, is leveling off, but the juvenile crime is increasing. It's the juvenile area that is the most important. The only people...the only thing I think people are in their minds thinking is that we're going to build a prison, let's get the best site possible. I don't know if it's in my capabilities to try to get across how I'm feeling on the juvenile justice issue, but this was the secure facility and its location was a piece of an entire puzzle. And when that came on line we were going to be able to do other things on community-based programs, we were going to be able to relieve some of the things at Kearney, we were going to be able to do some of the other things when that came on line. One of the points that I'd like to stress and I'll stress in closing again is agreeing continuing with the Cudaback amendment is going to cost us more money. Just look at LB 392 that's now on the Governor's desk. We had to appropriate more dollars for Kearney because they're having 40 kids to a cottage. But we only did it one time because we wanted the community-based programs and the other things to get kicked in and we may not need that. If this, in fact, stays the secure facility will be another year off, Kearney will continue to be overcrowded, we'll have to continue the funding and we'll be no closer than where we were a year ago. And if you think it's frustrating now, wait until you get to your county attorneys and those that are dealing with juveniles, those that are in the holding centers throughout the state and they ask you, why haven't we developed the plan yet? And here's what we'll say, Senator Cudaback, in all good faith, offered an amendment that his constituency wanted. Jim, I have no problems with that. And as you know you're a good friend and because of that I let you know, when the bill was going to come up, where your amendment needed to be offered. And that's what I told you, here's where you need to do it, go at it, I hope you have your flak jacket on. That was the extent of our conversation. But with Jim's amendment what will happen is the following, the state will have to take the position that any bid is a legitimate bid. They can't just say, oh, we think it's going to be in Omaha, we'll just find the best site and we'll just do it anyway. If you're going to have the communities make a bid, you have to, you're obligated to go out and look at what