

it's time that somehow we move on here. And, Senator Cudaback, I appreciate the time, but after I get done speaking you may want and wish that you'd not given it to me. But we all make mistakes in here. And if those of us who live outside of our two largest cities feel that a mistake was made last year when we put in the City of Omaha or metropolitan class, we made the mistake last year when we voted to do so. And I know that at this time when that amendment came up certainly, Senator Cudaback, I joined in that. My speech to you was that be careful what you ask for because you may get it, and I think that your community may well regret, and Kearney may, if they want it, may well regret getting those facilities because of what comes with them. But you've got a crime bill. If you're truly interested in juveniles, if you do this we may well delay this a year simply because of the turmoil that may be in the uncertainty that would come with this amendment. And I think Senator Cudaback fought the great fight, brought the amendment to the floor of the Legislature, got it attached, and what he did was send a message back home that, my goodness, you can't just sit here and always take those things, and that there is stuff to offer out there. And that's the message that was sent and that's the message that's there. Cozad is still going to love you, Jim Cudaback, and you know it. Well, maybe they made a mistake last year when they elected you, I don't know, but they've got to live with that for four years so let them worry about that. But they're still going to love you because you brought that message. But I'll tell you that the crime bill is worth continued debate...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...and not a rural-urban discussion. And quite frankly, when that amendment came up, it's an enticing, intriguing and somewhat attractive amendment to vote for, saying, well we'll show Omaha that, you know, there's things in our part of the state, too, and there are. But at this point in time I guess I think that your mission was accomplished by bringing that to the floor of the Legislature and this body adopting it. I'd ask you to stand up and say I fought the good fight, I brought the message, mission accomplished. Let's join, as I'm going to join, in the Bernard-Stevens reconsideration motion. And oftentimes we never know what's going to offend certain people, and I know I've been offended by votes that deeply offended me and I never told anybody I was offended, but it sure rode hard with me. And sometimes when you cast a vote