

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: May I add 30 seconds in there or 15?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Sure, sure.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, but one of the concerns I have, and Senator Pedersen mentioned it the other day and he's absolutely correct, my...I've been hammering and hammering with them that we're not building staff and bureaucracy, we're getting it set up, the state set up for the community-based programs. I don't want monies to go to pay salaries for a bureaucrat in Lincoln, I want them to go to a child who needs the help.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Since my time is just about out, I think I had the one minute warning?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Yes, Senator, you did.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'll turn my light on again.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. It's already on again. Senator Lindsay. Senator Lindsay. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. This is an area where Senator Chambers and I have really been emphatic on, and that is that something must be done. And I'm sorry actually that in some ways we have taken so much time. But perhaps this is an important amendment, too. As I said, the more substantive amendments are scheduled later, which we may never get to. But this certainly has been something that is long overdue to be decided and to be moving on. But I do remind you again we're still on the second amendment and six and a half hours have gone by now until the eight hour cloture and perhaps we won't go to cloture, but I just want to remind you that if we do the procedure will be that we will vote on whatever amendment we're on, we will then vote on the entire Lindsay amendment and not get to the good discussion on some of these more substantive amendments such as the habitual criminal, such as lowering the penalty for a Class ID felony to a Class III felony for two crimes, possession of a firearm by a felon or fugitive, and drive-by shootings. We will not get to the drug-free school zones which people across