

individuals as best we can, but I see a huge escalation in costs going on here, and I see a real attempt to get all of it into one area and under very...under the controls of few people. So when you're pumping this money into OJS, you have to realize that if you vote for LB 1044, which is coming through here like a bullet, that you will be also voting for a lot of this money. Even though you've allocated it into these areas, they are going to be disbursing that money through a panel of people, a commission. They called it something else; a cabinet, that's what they've called it, a policy cabinet, and those individuals who will all be appointed by the Governor will be deciding where all this money goes. So even though you've said where this money is supposed to go into these programs and whatnot, if you vote for LB 1044, which is this huge readjustment of all of these departments and \$1.3 billion of our budget, you are really just, in essence, voting this money into that LB 1044 program that they are planning farther down the road here. It doesn't necessarily...isn't going to go to any of these things that we've talked about, to any of these pilot programs, but they are putting together this huge program with a million and...a million and a half dollars, and I guess I'm concerned because I don't see much concern from this floor on what's going on here. I guess I've seen it going on for a couple of years now, and these directions and this money being spent in the juvenile areas, and, you know, for the children going on, and it's happening at the federal level, it's happening...and it's not that I, as a taxpayer and a mother, don't want to help children. It's that, my God, look at the cost of...of...the expanding cost of these programs. It's incredible. And these are tax dollars that you just keep pumping in. And even in the A bill, it says appropriate an additional three point...3.61, and in the fiscal note it says that they already have appropriated 2 million, so the total cost per year are \$5.361 million. I really think we should stop and maybe take a breath, which is why I put this amendment on there, and at least, at the very least ask for some information that some of this is working or helping or cutting costs in any other areas in the state of Nebraska. So I guess I am alarmed that this bill moved through so quickly on that snowy day when a lot of us were not here, and I know that wasn't intentional on anyone's part, but I think now is the time, and I am sorry it's on Select File, to take some time and discuss this piece of legislation and the policy decision that you are making, not only this policy decision, but the policy decision in conjunction with the LB 1044 decision, that is Senator