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I would like to announce that Senator McKenzie has guests on the floor, her parents, Rolland and Lorene Johnson from Sutton. Let us welcome them. It's good to have you with us. Their boy is there with them, too, I think... (laughter). Senator Chambers. But a little... a little levity this morning. Proceeding on with the debate, Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. And, actually, I guess the questions that Senator Witek ended with, I would... I would like to start with I guess, if Senator Bernard-Stevens would yield.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Bernard-Stevens, how many juveniles is the Office of Juvenile Services servicing now?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: On the phase one, they are serving the juveniles that come under adjudication or difficulty with the law in the Panhandle District, in the Central District, which would be the North Platte and region around that, Omaha and parts of Lincoln. So there are four, in the phase one, areas of the state that all juveniles that fall in this area will be affected by.

SENATOR PIRSCH: But you don't have any numbers of juveniles?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Of course, not, no.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. And how much is the budget of the Office of Juvenile Services r. at now?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: You'd have to check with someone on Appropriations. I don't have that information off the top of my head.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, I think we need to know that so we know what expanding this program really means. I don't understand if we are budgeting, is that \$5.361 million in your graph?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: The actual... the actual A bill will be approximately \$3.2 million.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So it won't cover then all of those eight pilot