

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Wehrbein, do you respond to a question, please?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Why...have we ever had a study looking at juveniles the same way as adults?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I really don't know.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I'm just...I'm just asking the question. I...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I don't know the...

SENATOR HARTNETT: ..I agree with the study.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I would...I, frankly, I think because of LB 988, I visited with Mr. Hill in the lobby a couple hours ago, I think they have a pretty good handle on some of these things because part of 988 is going to be the classification of juveniles and try to find programs with which they fit. We had...the Omaha Correctional Center was going to be for about 10 percent. The other 85 to 90 percent, I did not get a chance to say that on the amendment, was going to be so they could put them into community-based programs or other appropriate programs. So I think they would have a handle on some of that.

SENATOR HARTNETT: So what you're saying is that you think that, from what's going on now, you'll be able to get a handle on how juveniles...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yeah.

SENATOR HARTNETT: ..are treated and what's a better program for them. Is that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I think that there's some of that. Now, it may not be as complete as we're asking for in this study, but I think there is some of that being done and that's a little bit of a guess, but I have a thick pamphlet back here that I could read that has lots of programming in it. I think that a lot of this is what they're trying to do.