

because, as I said, it's just a feeder system for more criminals and I think...I think we could save a lot of those people. I'm not sure it has to be a Boys Town, it doesn't have to be that. I don't think you'd have to spend that kind of money. But Boys Town works. And if you spent that kind of money, maybe you'd save money in the long run. And I will not support Senator...if the vote got close I'd probably support you, Senator Pedersen, but I'll see how the vote goes because I certainly agree with what you've said and I think most of the people in here do. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Am I on? Here I am. Mr. Chairman and members of the body, Senator Vrtiska basically asked Senator Pedersen the questions I wanted to ask. I agree with him, Boys Towns that are probably better than any of these other facilities, but where we're treating these violent youths, I think we have to have this facility in Omaha. So we've discussed it quite a bit last year. And I agree with Senator Lindsay that if we put it off another year and we do it then, it's going to cost us more for putting it off than it is for the \$630,000 this year. So I support the facility and I'm sorry, I don't support the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The question is called, debate will cease Senator Pedersen, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: I'll try and make this fast. Just a few little things that were said that I want to answer to. A state-run Boys Town, yeah, Boys Town does a wonderful job with the people they have, but the type of kids we're talking about can't get into Boys Town. And yet we're not talking about those that have committed the more serious violent crimes that we're talking about we want to put in this particular institution. If we could have everything, yes, I would say let's build the new facility, which I think is going to happen anyway. And I...that does not anger me in any way, shape, or form. And then we'd