

SENATOR WESELY: The answer is that...that we don't...I don't know specifically where the patients were dispersed, but among the options, I know, was to consider some out-of-state placement. We're trying to track down...I was trying to get it for this evening. I couldn't get the information, how many youth are placed outside of the state and what it's costing us, but there are a number of facilities within Nebraska that I think they were redirected to, and it's possible that some ended up out of the state. I know there are a number of youth that are outside of the state.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay. I would certainly like that information if you could provide that for me.

SENATOR WESELY: I'm trying to get that for us.

SENATOR STUHR: All right. Thank you. I will continue to listen to the discussion. I would support the amendment to the amendment by Senator Lindsay. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President and members. Actually I've been a little bit involved in the question of what happens at Rivendell, both when it was closed and now that the question is being asked as to what happens in its future. I was...I am not certain about a number of facts, and it's unfortunate that we don't have all that, but I do know this, it is a piece of property the state ought to consider acquiring, whether it be used for prison purposes, or actually the interest that I had was dealing with mental health services. Since it originally is a mental health facility, it would seem appropriate to consider it for that purpose as well. I understand the Governor has decided that the better use in his mind would be as a prison facility, but I do know a few things. First off, the building is overpriced at \$4.9 million. That's what evidently it's tax purpose price is. At that price, with the number of beds available, it is not something that can cash flow, from the people I've talked to. I do know, and I won't mention them by name, but I do know of at least two private sector individuals who have looked at or are looking at the facility, and if the price was lowered in the range of \$1.5 million or even less than that, then the facility becomes something that can be attractive to individuals and that's why I