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are more likely than others to do certain things. Well, when you look at who does these studies, the intent that they have behind it, maybe you can understand why they arrive at certain predictable conclusions. But I read a lot of history, and there are people from one-parent families who are considered great by all the measures that society will use for measuring greatness. But what I want to ask you, since you have a copy of your amendment before you now, what do you mean in your amendment by "establish youth mentoring programs in Nebraska"? What does that mean?

SENATOR BRUNING: That means Big Brothers, Big Sisters, and there are several locations of that, that means All Our Kids,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BRUNING: ...Inc. in Omaha.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, who determines whether they're established?

SENATOR BRUNING: State Board of Education.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what are the criteria they will use to make that determination?

SENATOR BRUNING: They can set those criteria.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are there any guidelines given so that they will not exclude groups that maybe ought not be excluded, and include some that maybe should not be included?

SENATOR BRUNING: They have some discretion, Senator, so I suppose they could, if they wanted to; I can't imagine why they would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you aware that a man was arrested, I think, in Lincoln, because his wife teamed up with the Scout Master of his children and the man wanted to take out a contract on him, and he made the contract with the police officer?

SENATOR BRUNING: I read that this morning, yes.