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people that I think are interested in this program are...are good intentions. And whether or not there are political ramifications or not, that...that, for me, is beside the point. The point is that I think there is...this is a worthy suggestion and program to look at. I do have the request for proposal contract in my file that I obtained a copy of. The state can get out of this contract after the first year if it's not...if it's not performing up to expectations. In fact, the state can get out of it after that if the state chooses to do so with a rather short notice...rather short notice termination provision that is in the contract. So I don't see it as being a huge risk.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Wehrbein, on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Senator Chambers, I feel bad because I...I evidently didn't get my point across like I intended to. None of those examples that I used were given by the presenter. I was simply trying to say this is an issue of nature and having a child, regardless of who they are or where they came from, getting in touch with themselves. That's the method they use and I had no intention of...of going in the direction that you stated. If I misunderstand that I apologize for that, because I didn't...I admit, no one talked about a horse. I took that and that was my perception of the way the presentation was made, of understanding one's feelings and understanding that when a person has to get in touch with themselves and realizing that there's a different world out there than where you came from, regardless of where you came from. That was my intent, so if I didn't get that point across I feel bad because I didn't intend to raise all the issue that you've raised and I...it probably was inappropriate for me to do that. I just simply wanted to say Senator Bromm is correct, it's a \$3.1 million annually. It's a five-year contract of which we can get out of after the first year. Obviously, there would be concerns about doing that because the company will be having a five-year contract. But if the money is not appropriated, they do not get paid. And so it's an area that is, we believe, worth a try. Kearney, under its present program, is not getting the adequate training because of their overcrowdedness. When they're 85 over, at this point, not only