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they're down to seven. So just wanted to make sure that was part of the record, Senator Aguilar. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Chambers, on the advancement.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I wish Senator Wehrbein were here. He is the guru, the guru of fiscal matters. If we are not very careful about how we draft legislation, we can create an obligation for the state to fund these courts. Since the term "drug court program" is going to be in the statute, obviously it would be necessary to define what that is. Before we had anything in the statute, we did not have to worry about those matters. But since the Legislature...if that turns out to be the body's will...is going to undertake to legislate on this matter, it must be done in a very careful, thorough, painstaking manner. By implication, turning something over to the Nebraska Supreme Court could lift it out of the local realm entirely, and the state could be put in a position of having to fund these programs, and I don't think that is anybody's intention. It may be the wish and hope of people in some areas. But we do not want to do through inadvertence what we would not do intentionally. So again, I'm not going to offer any amendments to this bill at this point. I don't intend to bother my brain trying to write an entire program for this notion. But I will resist it moving on to final passage, and I will fight tooth and nail against any attempt to pass a bill related to this subject. Who on the floor can say with authority and full confidence that if we involve the Supreme Court carte blanche in the way of this amendment, the state is not going to assume a financial responsibility for these programs? And if we do flesh out this notion, as I think everybody would agree is necessary to be done, we do not have the time remaining in this session, and we don't have the expertise, to do it. And when I say "we," I'm including myself in that. I think I know as much about the court system as anybody, and more than most on this floor, because I've spent so much time dealing with it in one way or another, talking to judges, from the chief justice down through juvenile court judges. And there are existing problems in the system. We do not need to create additional ones. We do not