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the community services. They advocate such things. This includes the patients that came out of region...the regional center. No one is against community services. What we have here is a matter of who trusts who. Now I know that the state is going to be bountiful, not just now, but going forward. How do I know that they'll do that? How do I know that the extra money going to EPC this year, the year we vote on this, is going to be there next year and the year after? Back in 1998, LB 695 said that the state would pay board at the counties for state prisoners held there. 2000, they did; 2001, they mostly did. They still owe Madison County \$8,000. 2002, they paid; 2003, no. They paid a portion, then in June they were told not to bill, there was no funds to pay. September, they did pay something; December they still owe. Senator Wehrbein can tell you that...

SENATOR JANSSEN: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: ...that was the result of budget cuts, and we had to cut the budget, it had to be cut somewhere. And I'm the one here that believes--is Senator Bourne here--cut, cut, cut. Oh, I guess he's not. We had to do that. And while I didn't like it, it's necessary. What's going to be necessary next year, because the additional cost now borne by cities and county law enforcement is going to be, not tripled, probably sextupled, because it takes longer? If some of the people who are all in favor of this and the community services that are mentioned in here again and again should listen to the testimony, or should read the testimony, of the Lincoln Chief of Police. They spend more time transporting people around looking for a home for them now--this is in the capital city of Nebraska, a state in the Midwest--than they do on a number of other classifications of crime.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Time.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. President, members, once in a while we