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know more about than others, and I've got a list of the unfilled need that was provided for us at a meeting where most of the people from HHS attended and some neighborhood groups. And what's interesting in the Group II home, as they're called...there are Group I and Group II homes, the contracts call for paying these Options I people \$192 or \$193 a day, whatever it is, so that'd be about 6,000 bucks a month. And I was wondering if, in fact, this Options I or Options II programs which are designed to help kids who can't cope in their own homes, who can't cope in a...in a foster care home, and can't cope in school, can't cope, period, are being rehabilitated. And if in fact, if they were sent out of the state, would we spend the same amount of money in one of these special programs in Kansas, as we spend with one of these group homes right here in our community. There will be a number of them. I'm not sure the source of the money. But on the other hand, I'm curious about the people served, and I'd sure like to know...I'm sure the people in the group homes are not part of the county's responsibility and liability. Apparently they're the state's in toto, but what's the difference between those folks, those kids, and the people we're talking about here that need this special help? If there is no difference, and if the cost is the same, why are we even talking about this? Why do we need an amendment? Why isn't the state just taking care of them? And why is the cost being delegated back to the counties if, in fact, there's no difference between the kids that are being served in these group Options I homes and Options I and II homes, and the people...and the kids you're talking about? If somebody could answer that question...I'm just uncomfortable. I think it's great if we can save \$2 million in Douglas County and all of the rest of these monies across the state. I'm also concerned with (LB) 695 which is also a property tax relief bill that has to do with paying for, as the state should...we shouldn't use property tax dollars...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...to pay for jail purposes or prison purposes, but there's also a civic responsibility for all of us to take care of all of the rest of us regardless of what counties we live in, and we should share those responsibilities and resources. But I...I don't know what the difference is. What's