

ask you a few more questions. We're also waiting for an amendment right now to come down from bill drafter, but your amendment I must tell you is substantive and deserves some debate and some questions about it. If they didn't need treatment, let's just say that you've got a minor and that they do get their first and they don't need treatment, wouldn't you concede that that treatment program might rob some of the resources in terms of people away from those who might have alcohol problems and need some people? And I think you would be hard pressed to say that that's not true and that your point is well taken, but somewhere down the line here the hard core drinker may begin when they are young, are you better off treating them ahead of time and putting in intensive, I mean treatment in itself becomes an education process. You educate yourself to realize you've got a problem, how to deal with it and then how to cope for the rest of your life. At this point, though, I think you've robbed those resources from the people who really need them. We all search for how to deal with the hard core drunk driver and this is probably one approach to that. I still would oppose your amendment and would hope the rest of the body would do the same. Thank you.

SENA. VARNER: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, if I could ask Senator Bernard-Stevens, I think he is familiar in Sarpy County I think this is part of a...and you, I think, lived at one time, Bernard-Stevens in Sarpy County. How does this fit or relate to what is being done in Sarpy County, because, in my estimation, what is done in Sarpy County because I've had some, through my family, some personal experiences with the education and treatment. So where does this, what you are proposing in this amendment, fit in with what we're doing in Sarpy County?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: In essence, to be perfectly straight on the amendment, what the amendment would do is on treatment centers, they would have more people to treat and so the question is going to be, as Senator Kristensen pointed out, where do we find the extra funds to do that? And as I stated before, the way this amendment now is, Senator Hartnett, I want to make the policy decision of do we think treatment is important? And if we agree with that policy and the amendment is agreed to, then when we get to Select File the fiscal office, on request, will be saying, hey, this is how much this policy now is going to cost, are we willing to fund it? And then that