

Appropriations Committee, and quite a few of us here tonight do, we look at things like funding prisons, alcohol and drug abuse treatment, we look at mental health, funding mental health, domestic violence, child abuse, probation, parole and many, many more. The list goes on and on. Prevention, I think, is the way to address many of these issues, that you could reduce the cost of these problems, and would be able to do...avoid some of the things. Teenage pregnancy is just one of the things, and Senator Rasmussen talks about self-image. We are talking about many things in addition to teenage pregnancies. It is only one of the results of a poor self-image. Quite some time ago I was visiting with a police officer in Scottsbluff when we were talking about some problems with teenagers, and shared with me an incident following the arrest of a young man. He was visiting with the young man and he asked him, asked this young man, and he said, if you could do anything you wanted to this evening, anything you wanted to do, what would you do? The young man didn't say anything for quite awhile and pretty soon he just shrugged his shoulders and he said, drag main or watch TV. And that is all the young man could come up with. He either wanted to drag main or watch TV. And I think as we work through this problem, work with young people and on the commission, we will be able to better and better identify things that we can offer to children other than just dragging main and watching TV, and what that leads to. In visiting with Dr. Horton this morning, he had an interesting comment. One of the programs that could be considered or looked at is getting parents together to agree that no children date before the age of 16. Take away not only the peer pressure, but the peer pressure on parents, and instead of looking at how you can help your young teenagers date, you look at giving them alternatives to dating, which was kind of a refreshing, I thought, and good idea. I also would like to talk just a little bit, if we looked at 78, some of the things with 24-hour consent that could happen to those out in some of the rural areas where we don't have access to abortion clinics. Most of us who live in small towns, or even in the area that I live that has a larger town, it isn't considered real small in the area, there is no opportunity to get an abortion. You have to travel someplace else. You have to stay overnight. There is the cost of lodging.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HILLMAN: There is the cost of many times of lost wages, and I think the 24-hour period in that case is something that is