

number of witnesses. Now we're talking about delinquency and status offenders. We're also talking about abused children. I just can't believe that we would take...keep only two judges with 5,012 hearings that were performed in 1984. There are many other hearings that also take at least a half hour to an hour so that means each judge has to have 22.8 hearings a day. Now to me, knowing that what we go through when we have four or five bills in a public hearing and we have two or three witnesses, how long it takes, I can see that we're not doing the children justice in Douglas County with only the two judges. We introduced this bill long before Pat Mullen was appointed as a municipal judge because we knew at that time it was very necessary that Douglas County have at least three judges for juvenile court system. I urge the advancement of LB 171. I think it's very important that this be done before July 1. Now I don't know whether Senator Beutler mentioned it or not, but because of the case load Judge Sam Caniglia who retired at the age, I think, of 71 or 72 is now going into the juvenile court and helping out with some of those cases hoping that this bill would be passed. We have Judge Moylan and Judge Buckley. I've been in contact with them almost daily. I know that Judge Buckley has called several of you. She is very concerned about the number of cases and how long and how much money and it's much more expensive to hold these cases over week after week than it would be to assign another judge and get them out of the way quickly. I urge the advancement of LB 171.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. Clerk, I hear you have an amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lamb would move to amend the bill. (Lamb amendment appears on page 1333 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I guess my thinking is along the lines of Senator Warner's that we certainly are not interested in trying to deprive people in Douglas County or Omaha of an additional juvenile judge so I have on your desk what I hope was a compromise amendment which would allow the additional judge, but would require the county to fund it as it has in the past. And my conversation with Senator Beutler is that that's not an acceptable amendment, but I offer it in the spirit of