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that in her close. But I'm going to have other things to say as we come to other amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, and members, I've been on some other issues. I would like maybe Senator Thompson to give me a little bit of a thumbnail sketch of what this amendment specifically does.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes, this amendment is more technical in nature. We were just using time, I think, to discuss all the issues. This is an amendment that was requested after the committee amendments were filed by the Department of Health and Human Services. It deals with some of the issues surrounding counties and primarily the bill LB 610, which is a third of or is half of the committee amendments. The committee amendments are two bill that were merged, that are being amended into 652. This amendment ensures that the counties will continue to provide the transportation services for juveniles to state facilities. The counties agreed to that. The reason for that is that it's difficult for the state to set up a system for transportation so they've agreed to it. That's part of this amendment. The other part of the amendment was a clarification to make sure that this particular bill was dealing with specifically Office of Juvenile Services placements in out-of-home placements, not...not opening up Office of Juvenile Services' budgets to kids' services who may be on probation. So this is kids who are placed...to make it perfectly clear that this bill is dealing with the kids who are placed with the Office of Juvenile Services. I would call it technical but it is...deals with some very large issues, so the department and everyone working (interruption)...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: The reason I asked, excuse me, it appears to restore some stricken material which is the part that confused me, your amendment does.

SENATOR THOMPSON: And the stricken material was in LB 610. It was not in LB 512. The amendment was developed in combination.