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eligible, but under our Medicaid rules have not...are not covered, so the counties pay at 100 percent. One of the recommendations of the task force and recommendations to the department is to change those rules to cover behaviorally impaired youth and then we would be able to make them Medicaid eligible. But this will be...the issue that was here last year and the reason the original bill, LB 512, was opposed was the fact that it was just a way to transfer the cost of these placements from the county to the state without any oversight by the state. LB 610, which is the committee amendment after this amendment is adopted, will say, yes, the state will take that responsibility at disposition but the state will make the placement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Thompson made the statement that this is essentially intended towards children who are law violators, and Section 43-247, which is the subject matter quoted just above, I've been advised if you have neglected or abused children they also fall under that. The difficulty is that Health and Human Services, and I'm not putting off on that department, is capable of saying, I'm sorry, we cannot afford the treatment. You might have a child in need of, again, psychiatric treatment or institutionalization, whatever, Health and Human Services under this would be in the position of saying, we're going to commit the child, or we're going to assign it to a foster parent, whatever; we cannot afford the treatment that the child needs; it's not in our budget. I think that what we have to do here is look to the long-term good of the child and retain the language that we now have in 43-284. If Senator Chambers would respond to a question.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers, do you...Senator Chambers, would you respond to a question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR TYSON: Senator Chambers, now this is not as a senator. This is where you're back to being a professor of law. You tell me what the statute says. Have you been following what I just