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...serving you as a committee Chair is that you...you have to present committee amendments, and then sometimes you have to present the committee amendments that are a year old, and then sometimes the committee amendment needs to go away but is going to be a part of the amendment, so you hesitate to not say anything about it. So I'm going to open very briefly on the committee amendments, but what Senator Thompson has told you is, as I understand the game plan here today and for this session, and that is LB 652, in terms of what it said, is not before you. I'm going to briefly describe the three bills which the Judiciary Committee put into the committee amendment in order to try and facilitate the good faith negotiations and work that were taking place last year. I'm going to summarize those three bills and then, so nobody is under any misapprehension, yes, I'm going to suggest that you may want to vote that down because now all three of these matters have been put in the amendment by Senator Thompson, which she worked on over the interim, which will then come before you when you defeat the committee amendments. I hope I'm proceeding in a logical way. I'm trying to be clear and not confusing because this committee amendment, I stress again, this committee amendment which is three separate bills was consolidated and does fall down into and become certainly a considerable substance of her amendment which you will be considering in the discussion. The committee amendment is a combination of the three bills, LB 512, LB 610, and LB 472. Two of the bills, LB 512 and LB 610, sought to control juvenile detention costs incurred by counties. The committee amendment incorporated LB 512, which transfers county juvenile costs to the state Department of Health and Human Services. Homeless and neglected children may be left in their own homes, placed with some reputable citizen of good moral character, placed with a suitable family, or placed in the care and custody of the Department of Health and Human Services. The amendment requires that if the children are placed in the custody of the state, the state will assume all costs of care and placement. The counties would not be liable for the costs, and the state would be liable for the costs. Now that's the bill that we incorporated in the amendment to cover that subject matter. We also incorporated what was then LB 610 pending before us, which requires the transfer of legal custody of a juvenile law violator requiring out-of-home placement to the state. In requiring that, much of the costs were transferred either to the parents or to the