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that? I urge you to override this veto for the sake of the children in Douglas County, and I urge you to look carefully at who is being affected by these two judges. We've got to look at who...who is...who are being affected--families, kids, all kinds of things. Appreciate it if you would think and vote to override this. I see the mood of the legislation is not to pay any attention now. We've gotten through the first two so now we can let down and not pay attention and go off and visit and get ready for sine die tonight. But this is an important thing and I really urge you to think about the importance of this and the children that this is going to affect just in Douglas County, not to mention the adjudicated cases in the 11th District. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, one advantage that I have over my colleagues is that I don't get tired, I don't run down, I don't lose heart. As long as there is time on the clock you cannot give up. Young Senator Smith could have given up last night. We were not just at the eleventh hour. We were at the eleventh hour and fifty-ninth minute and he held on and he got that money for the gamblers who are addicted. Suppose he had looked at the mood of the body. Suppose he had considered the fact that Senator Jensen had offered a motion to adjourn, the fact that people were circulating around the floor. Senator Coordsen was upset about the horse or LB 1213 that he had analogized to a horse and it seemed like the wind had gone out of every balloon. That's why the Bible said old men for counsel, young men for war, because they have the vitality, the resilience to come back from an apparent defeat and carry the day. Old people get tired. They see other people growing tired and they say, their mood is going to become my mood, and they lost their enthusiasm and feel there is no hope, but there is hope. There are senators, even if they seem not to be paying attention, who I think will realize that this is an important issue that we're dealing with. I know Senator Beutler has raised a very important question about whether or not certain cases being handled by the district court in the 11th Judicial District could not be handled by the county court, but we don't know for a fact that such is the case. Even if it were, I look at the juvenile justice system. One of the