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at it specifically. The committee advanced it to General File and what it does is say that a juvenile judge still has the jurisdiction over a child and there's, oh, ten different things that have to do with being a part of the court and being a ward of the state, and this deals with wards of the state. And, specifically, the amendment says: "Any juvenile who was a ward of the juvenile court at the inception of his or her guardianship and whose guardianship has been disrupted or terminated". There was no mechanism in the law, as an oversight I guess, that what would happen to children if their guardianship was, for some unforeseen reason, stopped or terminated, and then what to do with the child. We can't put...this is not a law breaker. This is not a criminal. This is a child who finds himself a ward of the court. So this would say that the judge has immediate jurisdiction and there are certain places and things that can be done for this child so that his life is not completely disrupted. The other part of the amendment has to do with a glitch in the juvenile court that right now a county court in every county, except Lancaster, Sarpy, and Douglas, has to deal with juvenile issues. And so if, for instance, in Sarpy County there is a separate juvenile court, but in Cass County, which is in the same district as Sarpy County, does not have a separate juvenile court and it was imposs...it is impossible for the Supreme Court Justice to assign a juvenile court judge to go to a county court, and this would take care of that in allowing a juvenile judge to go to a county court when the county court has to deal with juvenile issues. So that's what my...my amendment does and appreciate it if you could support it. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Suttle. Debate on the Suttle amendment? Senator Suttle, you're recognized to close. Senator Suttle waives closing. The question is the adoption of AM1029 to LB 23. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Suttle's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is adopted.