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there has been work done on this bill, I'm sure. I was not present when the committee voted it out. And I don't fault the committee for that at all. So if you see me as not voting, it's because I was absent, which the committee statement will point out. I see this bill primarily as one to benefit the bureaucracies of the various states that deal with juvenile issues. So I would like to pose that question to Senator Thompson, before I proceed. And I would like also to make one point. If you look at the fiscal note, you will see, on page 3 of the fiscal note, the last line in the first part--it's not a full paragraph, but it's long enough to be the first paragraph--the proposed compact language concerning runaways is broader than our current language. Which means that this compact, if it's entered into, will have the effect or impact of amending existing law in Nebraska. So I would ask Senator Thompson, is a primary thrust of this bill to benefit the work of the various bureaucracies that deal with juveniles and the issues related to them?

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Senator Thompson, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR THOMPSON:      Yes. Yes and yes. This is to put a framework. Some of the things that were happening nationally were, some states were literally driving kids across the border and dumping them in another state. And that kind of precipitated some of the problems. It hasn't happened here. But some...you could say that it benefited the bureaucracy. But it also was a very poor way to deal with treatment for juveniles, and I think it was somewhat despicable. But that's what happens when you cheap out in bureaucracies, and they can't figure out how to pay for the services. And so the other state was obviously not happy, and spent many years dealing with the state that was doing this. And these are fairly high-population states where this was happening. I think the more important part...and it does help the bureaucracy, but the bureaucracy is there to make sure that this happens in a seamless fashion, that you don't slow down when a person is being transferred or moved or a divorce happens, to make sure the child's treatment isn't interrupted, to make sure there's...that the details are worked out for that person...the child to travel with the family, and