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by Senator Vard Johnson found on page 1443.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I ask unanimous consent to withdraw that amendment.

PRESIDENT: All right, it is withdrawn, Senator Johnson. That amendment is withdrawn. Any further amendments?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, the next amendment I have is from Senator Vard Johnson, the second one on 1443, Senator. (Read.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I want to ask unanimous consent to withdraw that one as well.

PRESIDENT: You want to withdraw that one?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

PRESIDENT: All right, this amendment is also withdrawn. Proceed.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is then offered by Senator Vard Johnson found on page 1459.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, I would like to run with this one. Mr. Speaker, members of the body, this is an amendment which probably at this time only applies to the juvenile court in Omaha. The amendment would say simply that unless the juvenile court judges otherwise agree they shall appoint one of their number as the presiding judge and that appointment shall be for a three year time period. Now existing law says that unless the juvenile court shall otherwise agree or unless the juvenile court judges shall otherwise agree, they shall appoint one of their numbers as presiding judge and that tenure shall be one year. Now what has happened in Omaha is we have two juvenile court judges, each obviously equal to the other, and the two juvenile court judges end up basically not ever agreeing to a longer time period for one of them to serve as presiding judge so they end up operating under our statute which says that one shall be presiding judge for one year and then the following year it shall go to somebody else, and then back to the first person and the like. Now the effect that has, however, is this, if we have two juvenile court judges with slightly differing philosophies concerning the operation of a court system, concerning the use of probation officers,