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concerning the diversion of children from the court system, concerning a lot of different things, that individual can only impose, so to speak, his point of view for a one year time period, and that causes, what that does is that causes the court to end up not doing anything new or innovative. Now I would like to contrast what is happening in the Douglas County juvenile court with what is happening in the Sarpy County juvenile court where we have one juvenile court judge. That one juvenile court judge has been able to do over the last five years a whole host of very exciting things for the young people so that in fact, in fact, there are many young people who are now diverted from the juvenile court process, there are many young people who have been on the way to a fairly hardknock life and have had that turned around and I submit that one of the reasons that that's been done is not in the personality of the judge so much but more because the judge has had the authority to speak for a court because that is the only judge. We look here in Lincoln and Lancaster County and I think virtually all of the Lincoln Senators will attest to the fact that Judge Muernberger is an outstanding juvenile court judge. Some of that may be attributable to his personality and character but another part of that is attributable to the fact that that man is the boss, so to speak. It is his court. He operates that court and he does with that court what he sees best in the interest of children. Now all may amendment does is it says to the juvenile court judges in Omaha, "Okay, judges, if you can't make an agreement as to how the presiding judge concept shall be conducted, then it shall go for three years, that one of you is going to be judge for three years, presiding judge for three years, and that will be the time period that you, in effect, will have to impose your views, your attitude on the court for the betterment of the children. I think it is a very solid amendment and it really doesn't...what it says to the judges in Omaha is it just says, "I would certainly hope you could work out by agreement precisely how you want to take the presiding judge situation, and if you can't do it, then it is for three years but otherwise you ought to be able to agree on it." I offer the amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, surprise, Vard, I am not going to object to this amendment. This would provide for a three year term presiding juvenile court judge in Omaha, and since the bill would not take effect for a year, if the judges in Omaha don't think this is a good idea, it certainly will give them an opportunity to say so and it applies only to Omaha and it may or may not be a good idea, I don't know, so I will not oppose the amendment.