

there any further discussion to the adoption of the amendment? Senator Chronister.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Mr. Speaker and members, I support the adoption of this amendment and urge its passage, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: A question of Senator Johnson.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson, do you yield?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, I will, Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Johnson, in perusing that amendment aren't you sure that is a new piece of legislation?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well the amendment, the first thing the amendment does, Senator Koch, is...I really start back on page three where page three deals specifically with referring the termination issue from a district court to juvenile court. That clearly is no new piece of legislation. Now what you find on pages one and two is some very small change to the juvenile court act just to make certain that the juvenile court will have jurisdiction of these kinds of transferral cases. That is really what that first part is about. It is not a new piece of legislation but it is necessary to make some small change just to the juvenile court statutes, just so it has jurisdiction over these transfers.

SENATOR KOCH: Alright, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: A question of Senator Johnson.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: I may have missed it in your opening but what is the rationale for transferring these cases to juvenile court? What value is there or why is one court better than the other? Why would you set up a mechanism of procedure to do this? What do we gain?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, actually it is kind of interesting. I'd almost like to have Senator Fenger respond to that because Senator Fenger has been dealing over the last couple of weeks with the foster care review system and one of the things that I am confident Senator Fenger will have learned is that children in the district court have a greater frequency of getting