

age and I don't think should be...would probably not be continuing in that capacity for much longer. But he is working four days...four days a week and he has a full docket and he is an experienced judge who has been in the system for several years and a judge who is quite an efficient judge for anyone that knows him. And he has indicated to me...and I don't know what other better evidence we can have than Judge Caniglia who is coming into that system from the outside and saying, number one, the cases in the District Court of Douglas County are substantially in many cases much more complicated than they are in the District Court because in the District Court once the facts are determined and the cases decided, the case is normally ended. In the juvenile court the cases don't end. We have, through our statutes and through our decisions of the Supreme Court and other rules and regulations of the Department of Social Services and other agencies, we have given to juvenile court judges a job which is far beyond simply decision-maker or fact-finder but as a...but as an individual who cares for these children and these parents for a long period of time. In the case of the two juvenile court judges in Douglas County, and I know Judge Neurenberger here in Lancaster County, fulfill capacities way beyond judging. They go out into the schools. They have children come in on an ongoing basis explaining the juvenile court system to them. They are constantly made available and make themselves available to organizations throughout the city and the county to explain the juvenile court system and the problems that are faced by juveniles and by the system in dealing with the tough juvenile court cases. And I think the problems, as Senator Bernard-Stevens suggests, and he has experience in being in the school system, is that these problems are very, very complex and the juvenile court judge is not necessarily the answer, adding a juvenile court judge is not going to necessarily solve all of the problems. But we have children here and that's the essence of this. And, in the years I have practiced, I probably handled 50 juvenile court cases, many of them very, very difficult and they're very, very sad cases...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...extremely sad cases and real tear jerkers in many respects. And I have...and I hand it to the juvenile court judges because they have to deal with these kinds of cases, not on a maybe once every month or once every two months but every day, three, four, five cases that will...that will